

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF

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OF

MINNESOTA

AT THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

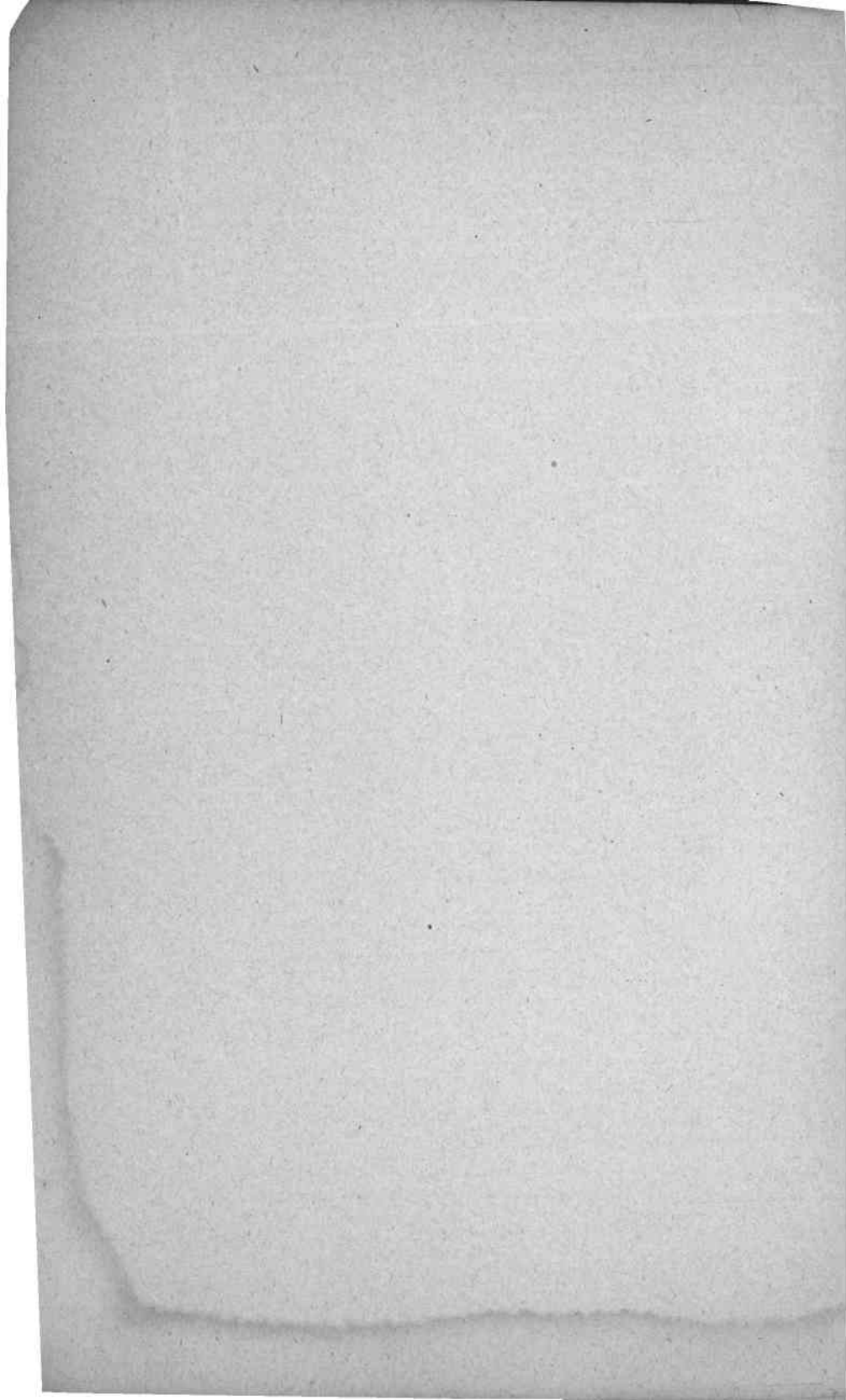
HELD AT

ST. PAUL, JANUARY 11 AND 12, 1899.

M.: W.: ALONZO T. STEBBINS, Rochester, Grand Master.
R.: W.: THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

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FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

St. Paul, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1899.

The forty-sixth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota was held in Masonic Hall, on Fifth street, St. Paul, commencing at high twelve on Wednesday, Jan. 11, A. D. 1899, A. L. L. 5899.

The Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Officers present, opened a lodge of Master Masons, preparatory to opening the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges, and reported 196 to be represented, out of 206 on the roll.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bros. Irving Todd (7) and Chas. P. Montgomery (185) as his assistants, the latter in charge of the railroad certificates.

On Motion of Bro. Irving Todd, all visiting Master Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the gallery during the session.

The Grand Master appointed the Grand Secretary, Bro. A. L. Ritter (207) and Henry Deutsch (4) as the Committee on Credentials.

As the Grand Secretary had a roll prepared of all entitled to attend, the committee called for proxies, which were noted. The roll was then called, the report submitted and accepted, and the committee continued to make additions and corrections during the session.

The following is their corrected report:

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that we find present 15 Grand Officers, 19 permanent members and 326 representatives of 196 out of 206 chartered lodges, including 83 proxies, as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Alonzo T. Stebbins.....	M.: W.: Grand Master
Alonzo Brandenburg.....	R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master
John H. Randall.....	R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden
A. D. Countryman.....	R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden
Joseph H. Thompson.....	R.: W.: Grand Treasurer
Thomas Montgomery.....	R.: W.: Grand Secretary
Henry R. Adams.....	W.: Grand Orator
Robert Forbes.....	W.: Grand Chaplain
Jared G. Wheeler.....	W.: Senior Grand Deacon
John D. Carroll.....	W.: Grand Marshal
M. C. Sullivan.....	W.: Grand Sword Bearer
Enoch Scott.....	W.: Senior Grand Steward
Alex. Fiddes.....	W.: Junior Grand Steward
W. B. Mitson.....	W.: Grand Pursuivant
Jean C. Fischer.....	W.: Grand Tyler

Bro. E. F. Barrett, Junior Grand Deacon, sent regrets, being in the army.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Past Grand Masters—Charles W. Nash, Charles Griswold, Edward W. Durant, Henry R. Wells, Henry R. Denny, R. H. Gove, Alphonso Barto, W. F. Dickinson, C. L. Brown.

Past Deputy Grand Masters—Wm. T. Rigby, George H. Davis, Chas. L. West.

Past Senior Grand Wardens—Thomas J. Lombard, Samuel E. Adams, Edgar Nash.

Past Junior Grand Wardens—Edward P. Barnum, Albert Marden, H. C. Shepard, James D. Markham.

REPRESENTATIVES.

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| No. | 1. | St. Johns..... | R. F. Jones, W.: M.: |
| | 2. | Cataract..... | B. H. Timberlake, W.: M.: |
| | | | C. E. Van Cleve, proxy for S.: W.: |
| | | | George O. Voorhes, J.: W.: |
| | 3. | St. Paul..... | James J. Earley, W.: M.: |
| | | | Lemuel Churchill, S.: W.: |
| | | | W. H. Grant, proxy for J.: W.: |
| | 4. | Hennepin..... | A. K. Norton, W.: M.: |
| | | | E. E. Peterson, S.: W.: |
| | | | Henry Deutsch, J.: W.: |
| | 5. | Ancient Landmark.. | J. D. Grant, W.: M.: |
| | | | P. C. Williams, S.: W.: |
| | 7. | Dakota..... | G. A. Emerson, W.: M.: |
| | | | Irving Todd, proxy for S.: W.: |
| | 8. | Red Wing..... | James C. Hawes, W.: M.: |
| | | | Edwin H. Foot, S.: W.: |
| | 9. | Faribault..... | James R. Smith, W.: M.: |
| | | | Walter Birch, proxy for J.: W.: |
| | 11. | Mantorville..... | J. E. Whitney, W.: M.: |
| | | | A. A. Culver, proxy for J.: W.: |
| | 12. | Mankato..... | Paul L. Vranizan, W.: M.: |
| | | | Hugh McMurtrie, proxy for S.: W.: |
| | | | Clark Keysor, proxy for J.: W.: |
| | 14. | Wapahasa..... | J. A. Vandyke, W.: M.: |
| | 16. | Monticello..... | M. J. Kingsbury, W.: M.: |
| | | | H. M. Piper, S.: W.: |
| | 17. | Hokah..... | A. J. Snure, W.: M.: |
| | | | S. J. Prentiss, proxy for S.: W.: |
| | 18. | Winona..... | O. M. Botsford, S.: W.: |
| | | | W. J. Smith, J.: W.: |
| | 19. | Minneapolis..... | Thomas D. Bell, W.: M.: |
| | | | H. D. Dickinson, proxy for S.: W.: |
| | | | Henry Hahn, J.: W.: |
| | 20. | Caledonia..... | W. H. Harries, proxy for W.: M.: |
| | | | Leslie M. Emery, J.: W.: |
| | 21. | Rochester..... | John M. Rowley, W.: M.: |
| | 22. | Pleasant Grove..... | Milton Page, S.: W.: |
| | | | John Kendall, J.: W.: |
| | 23. | North Star..... | Milton K. Nelson, S.: W.: |

- No. 90. Good Faith..... Henry Hoovel, proxy for W.: M.:
 91. Antiquity..... W. R. Caswell, W.: M.:
 O. L. Dornberg, proxy for J.: W.:
 92. Fraternal..... C. H. Chadbourne, proxy for S.: W.:
 93. Unity..... L. L. Sartell, proxy for W.: M.:
 A. L. Smitten, S.: W.:
 94. Keystone..... J. R. L. Hanson, proxy for W.: M.:
 95. Sherburne..... W. G. Merrifield, W.: M.:
 96. Libanus..... Geo. Knudson, W.: M.:
 97. Prudence..... A. W. Annes, W.: M.:
 98. Charity..... John C. Gelger, S.: W.:
 99. Corner Stone..... J. A. McConkey, W.: M.:
 A. H. Kirk, S.: W.:
 J. T. Johnson, proxy for J.: W.:
 100. Aurora..... F. B. Johnson, W.: M.:
 101. Fraternity..... Ben. F. Thurber, W.: M.:
 I. P. Durfee, proxy for S.: W.:
 102. Lebanon..... Wm. S. Henry, proxy for lodge.
 103. Bethel..... Chas. G. Davis, W.: M.:
 104. Sharon..... Olof Olson, W.: M.:
 James Sanderson, J.: W.:
 106. Mt. Tabor..... L. C. Weeks, S.: W.:
 108. Relief..... F. S. Allen, W.: M.:
 J. D. Derby, S.: W.:
 Samuel Brown, J.: W.:
 109. Sunset..... A. B. Tredway, W.: M.:
 110. Pickwick..... Wm. Harrington, W.: M.:
 H. W. Stedman, S.: W.:
 111. Carver..... Wm. H. Caspari, W.: M.:
 J. S. Nelson, proxy for S.: W.:
 Jacob Bristle, J.: W.:
 112. Khurum..... John H. Abbott, W.: M.:
 David W. Knowlton, proxy for S.: W.:
 113. Excelsior..... J. L. Dickinson, proxy for W.: M.:
 I. C. Smith, S.: W.:
 C. O. Woodruff, proxy for J.: W.:
 114. Ben Franklin..... John P. Houg, W.: M.:
 115. Elgin..... D. F. Ferguson, W.: M.:
 116. Lafayette..... D. L. Tanner, W.: M.:
 117. Granite..... Jas. K. Stone, proxy for W.: M.:
 118. Newport..... J. M. Trickey, W.: M.:
 John D. Carroll, proxy for J.: W.:
 119. Delta..... Frank C. Whitney, W.: M.:
 J. B. Gibbons, proxy for S.: W.:
 121. Grand Meadow..... Wm. A. Nolan, W.: M.:
 Chas. W. Martin, J.: W.:
 122. Kellogg..... J. M. Wolfe, W.: M.:

- No. 123. Prairie..... J. Jurgenson, S.: W.:
 124. Janesville..... M. A. Devereaux, W.: M.:
 F. H. Miner, proxy for S.: W.:
 D. J. Dodge, proxy for J.: W.:
 125. Winslow Lewis..... Elmer Owen, W.: M.:
 126. Moorhead..... F. H. Peterson, W.: M.:
 O. Thorstenson, J.: W.:
 128. Josephus..... James T. Emerson, W.: M.:
 J. W. Sprague, proxy for S.: W.:
 129. Swift..... Arnold Olson, W.: M.:
 Michael Romstad, S.: W.:
 131. Alma..... F. B. Losey, W.: M.:
 132. Humboldt..... Geo. W. Ocobock, S.: W.:
 Herman C. Ackermann, J.: W.:
 133. Golden Sheaf..... C. H. Leaman, W.: M.:
 W. P. Fowler, S.: W.:
 134. Cokato..... J. A. Eklund, W.: M.:
 Menser Johnson, proxy for S.: W.:
 135. Nelson..... S. R. Wells, proxy for W.: M.:
 136. Walnut..... Not represented.
 137. Appleton..... Allen McMillen, W.: M.:
 Geo. A. De Forest, J.: W.:
 138. Orion..... Nels J. Walen, S.: W.:
 John Tait, Jr., J.: W.:
 139. Verndale..... C. Ditmore, proxy for W.: M.:
 140. Little Falls..... L. D. Brown, W.: M.:
 O. C. Trace, proxy for S.: W.:
 H. N. Harding, J.: W.:
 141. Crookston..... Tom Morris, W.: M.:
 142. Currie..... Not represented.
 143. Lake View..... H. L. Zwiner, W.: M.:
 F. F. Norrish, proxy for S.: W.:
 H. Kallitz, proxy for J.: W.:
 144. Bird Island..... Ole H. Krogstad, W.: M.:
 L. E. Sherwood, S.: W.:
 145. Melrose..... Not represented.
 146. Benton..... W. W. Bliven, W.: M.:
 147. Canby..... John P. Lester, W.: M.:
 148. Quarry..... John W. Cook, S.: W.:
 Geo. W. Nash, proxy for J.: W.:
 149. Guardian..... E. J. Kay, W.: M.:
 A. J. Foss, J.: W.:
 150. Warren..... H. L. Wood, W.: M.:
 W. J. Brown, J.: W.:
 151. Chaska..... W. C. Odell, W.: M.:
 152. Frontier..... Not represented.

- No. 213. Mystic..... Geo. T. Williams, W.: M.:
 214. Evansville..... E. H. Webb, W.: M.:
 O. A. Felt, S.: W.:
 215. Argyle..... Wm. Cuthill, proxy for W.: M.:
 216. Florence..... E. M. Pool, W.: M.:
 217. Capital City..... Hugh A. McCaffrey, W.: M.:
 218. Griswold..... E. E. McGrew, W.: M.:
 Clarence D. Brown, S.: W.:
 Charles B. Dunn, J.: W.:
 219. Mt. Hermon..... Frank Wilcox, W.: M.:
 220. Olivia..... Jas. M. Peckinpugh, W.: M.:
 221. Equity..... J. H. Catlin, W.: M.:
 J. F. Gibb, proxy for J.: W.:
 222. Elysian..... Herbert L. Coffin, W.: M.:
 223. Mora..... Jacob C. Pope, W.: M.:
 Geo. H. Hewbert, S.: W.:
 Joseph B. Gorham, J.: W.:

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

- Edward W. Durant.....for Canada
 Alphonso Barto.....for Colon and Cuba and Michigan
 Thomas Montgomery.....for Colorado, Ireland and Scotland
 Charles Griswold.....for Connecticut
 Henry R. Denny.....for Delaware
 James D. Markham.....for District of Columbia
 Edward P. Barnum.....for Florida, Idaho and South Australia
 Royal H. Gove.....for Indian Territory and Utah
 Calvin L. Brown.....for Kansas
 Charles W. Nash.....for Louisiana
 Henry C. Shepard.....for Manitoba
 Henry R. Wells.....for Mississippi, North and South Dakota
 Albert Marden.....for Nevada
 Joseph H. Thompson.....for New Jersey
 William T. Rigby.....for Ohio
 Alonzo T. Stebbins.....for Prince Edward Island
 Samuel E. Adams.....for Vermont
 Charles L. West.....for West Virginia
 George H. Davis.....for Wisconsin

T. MONTGOMERY,
 A. L. RITTER,
 HENRY DEUTSCH,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

St. Paul, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1899.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 p. m. Officers as before. Several additional members reported.

Grand Master Stebbins announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

Wm. F. Dickinson (91), Chas. G. Hinds (44), S. W. Frazier (189).

FINANCE.

Wm. A. McGonagle (79), J. S. Nelson (111), H. M. Tusler (163).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Past Grand Masters Wells, Denny, Durant, Brown and Gove.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

S. E. Adams, C. W. Nash, E. P. Barnum; E. M. Winslow (73), A. A. Doolittle (163).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

R. H. Gove (21), L. W. Folsom (55), Clark Keysor (12), J. H. Sprout (57), F. H. Peterson (126).

APPROPRIATIONS.

H. R. Wells (32), H. R. Denny (111), G. S. Ives (54).

LODGES U.: D.:

C. Griswold (3), G. H. Davis (100), T. D. Bell (19).

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Thompson (19), J. H. Abbott (112), F. W. Kugler (186).

Thomas J. Wilder, Past Grand Secretary, North Dakota; died Oct. 25, 1898.

Francis L. Childs, Past Deputy Grand Master, Colorado; died Sept. 27, 1898.

Oren Harrison Henry, Past Grand Master, Colorado; died Oct. 4, 1898.

Henry J. Stewart, Past Grand Master, Florida; died Oct. 20, 1898.

Archelaus M. Hughes, Past Grand Master, Tennessee; died Oct. 27, 1898.

John Ridley Frizzell, Past Grand Secretary, Tennessee; died Oct. 6, 1898.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The lodges that were granted charters by the Grand Lodge at its last session were duly constituted as follows:

February 17th, Elysian Lodge, No. 222, at Elysian, was duly constituted by R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, acting as my proxy, assisted by R. W. H. E. Blair, Deputy Grand Master, and W. Bro. D. J. Dodge. Bro. Montgomery installed the officers of the lodge, and conferred the Master Mason degree on a qualified brother. The lodge started with twenty members, and is fairly well equipped.

March 4th, Mora Lodge, No. 223, at Mora, was duly constituted and its officers installed by M. W. Bro. Alphonso Barto, Past Grand Master, acting as my proxy. The exercises of constituting and installing were followed by a literary entertainment and a banquet, to which all Masons and their wives were invited. The brethren at Mora extended to Brother Barto all due courtesy, and he reports a bright prospect for a prosperous lodge.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted dispensations for new lodges as follows:

March 4th, for Minnesota Lodge, at Minneapolis, with Bro. Henry R. Adams as Worshipful Master, Bro. Harvey Ricker as Senior Warden and Bro. G. F. Getty as Junior Warden. The petition for this dispensation was signed by over one hundred Masons, making it, as I believe, the largest petition ever presented to any Grand Master in this state. I was present, in company with R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, at their first meeting, and delivered the dispensation. I have visited this lodge several times, and have witnessed their work. I have requested the officers to exemplify the Master Mason's degree this evening, before the members of the Grand Lodge, when I hope to see you all present.

March 24th I granted a dispensation for Justice Lodge, at Lamberton, with Bro. Richard Morton as Worshipful Master, Bro. Frank

Clague as Senior Warden and Bro. A. J. Weldon as Junior Warden. The petition for this dispensation was turned over to me by my predecessor. After becoming satisfied that a good lodge could be supported there, I sent the dispensation to M. W. Bro. W. F. Dickinson, Past Grand Master, with the request that he deliver the same, and instruct the brethren in the work. I have received no report from the lodge since.

April 19th, for Lincoln Lodge, at Milaca, with Bro. Guy Ewing as Worshipful Master, Bro. C. W. Van Wormer as Senior Warden and Bro. A. J. Barrett as Junior Warden. I hear favorable reports from this lodge. They seem to be doing good work, and are well officered.

The brethren from these three lodges will present their work, which I trust will be good work, and such work as the Grand Lodge can accept. If so, charters should be granted them.

I declined to grant dispensations for lodges at Racine, Fillmore county, and Claremont, Dodge county, for the reason that, in my judgment, a lodge could not be supported in either of these places.

I also declined to grant the dispensation asked for by the brethren at Vernon Center. This petition was also turned over to me by my predecessor. For the purpose of more fully informing myself of the situation there, I visited Vernon Center early in the year. I was met at the train by a committee, and escorted to a hall, where were assembled some eighteen or twenty Masons, signers of the petition. The brethren were in earnest about the question of a lodge being organized there, and they are well qualified to conduct the affairs of a lodge should the dispensation be granted. I, however, requested them to present their petition direct to the Grand Lodge at this session, that it might be considered in connection with the application of the brethren at Amboy for the restoration of their charter, their interests being so closely identified with those of Vernon Center that the two petitions should be considered together; and as I had not the power to consider the petition of the one, I deemed this course to be the only one to pursue with fairness to both. I trust the committee will give this matter due and careful consideration.

Have received informal preliminary requests from brethren at four other places for dispensations, but discouraged further action on their part.

ARMY LODGES.

On July 12th I received a petition from certain Master Masons of the Thirteenth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, then in California on their way to Manila, asking a dispensation for the formation of a military lodge in that city. Having had an intimation that such a petition would be presented, I took occasion to study the his-

Question: A resident of our jurisdiction has been twice rejected by our lodge. A lodge in an adjoining jurisdiction now requests that we waive jurisdiction in his case. Can we waive jurisdiction in such a case?

Answer: No.

Question: A brother Master Mason petitioned our lodge for membership. Before his petition was acted upon by the lodge the brother died. The neglect to act upon his petition promptly was the fault of this lodge. Do you know of any way that the deceased brother's name can get on our records?

Answer: No.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have commissioned the following named brethren as Grand Representatives near their respective Grand Lodges:

England—R. W. Bro. John Wimburn Laurie, M. P.

Manitoba—R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Taylor.

Nova Scotia—R. W. Bro. John Daley.

Scotland—R. W. Bro. David Murray Lyon.

Belgium—R. W. Bro. Albert Kruger.

There has been commissioned as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge:

M. W. Bro. James F. Lawless, for England.

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R. W. Bro. Sam E. Adams, for Vermont.

VISITATIONS.

I have not visited as many lodges as I had expected to when I was elected to the high office of Grand Master. I have endeavored to accept all special invitations when possible, but during the month of December the invitations came so fast that time would not permit the acceptance of but a small portion of them. I recall with pleasure my visit to Rochester Lodge, No. 21, on July 11th, when it was my pleasure to confer the degree of Master Mason on my only son, assisted by the officers of Minneapolis Lodge, No. 19. The occasion was one long to be remembered. There were present, in addition to the members of Rochester Lodge, a large number of visiting brethren, including sixty-five of the brethren from Minneapolis. After the work and the banquet the lodge was highly entertained with an interesting lecture by Brother Hingeley and eloquent speeches by the visiting brethren present. My thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the Minneapolis brethren for their assistance and many acts of kindly courtesy upon that occasion.

All the visitations made will always be remembered as among the most pleasant occasions of my life. I have been received every-

where with the greatest cordiality, and I believe it would be for the good of Masonry if the Grand Master or a Grand Lodge officer should visit every lodge in the jurisdiction every year; and this brings me to the subject of

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

No one can appreciate more fully than the Grand Master the value of a good, competent corps of Deputies. When the District Deputies were appointed a year ago blank reports were sent to each and every one, with their commissions, together with a circular letter urging them to visit every lodge in their respective districts, and to fill out the blanks and send them in before the close of the year. The returns have been very satisfactory. More lodges have been visited than ever before, a number of the Deputies having visited every lodge in their district. This is as it should be, and I trust that, in the future, all the lodges may receive visits from the Deputies.

For the information of all, and for the guidance of the future Deputies that may be present, I desire to read to you the report of the District Deputy of the Twenty-ninth district for the past year:

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If every Deputy would visit every lodge in his district, and make such reports as did this one, the Grand Master would be able to lay before the Grand Lodge annually a summary of the condition of the craft that would be both interesting and instructive.

Pardon me for the deep interest I take in the District Deputies. They are the arteries through which flow the life's blood of our institution. It is only through them that the lodges can hope to receive annual visitations from Grand Lodge officers, and these visitations not only awaken renewed interest, but they create a desire on the part of the members for more light in Masonry. In closing this subject, let me say that, in my opinion, we do not give the honor and dignity to the District Deputy that his office demands. He should be received everywhere with all the courtesy due the representative of the Grand Master, and should be accorded the honors due his rank.

BY-LAWS APPROVED AND DISAPPROVED.

The usual number of by-laws and amendments thereto have been presented for approval, and, with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, have been carefully examined, and corrected when necessary to conform with our rules and regulations. I have refused in more than one instance to approve proposed changes in by-laws whereby

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the lodge sought to reduce the fees below what, to my mind, seemed a reasonable amount. While our constitution makes the minimum fee fifteen dollars, it should be remembered that that provision was incorporated before the state had attained its present prosperous condition. What costs little is little appreciated, and, in my judgment, the minimum sum allowed to be charged for fees should be doubled. Competition is not a valid excuse for reducing the degree fees in Masonry. Brethren, our fraternity knows no competition, and, to my mind, the greatest danger to progressive Masonry lies in making it too cheap and too easily obtained. Permit me, in this connection, to quote a clipping from the October number of the *Kansas Freemason*: "The minimum fee for the degrees in Indiana is twenty dollars, so we are informed, yet an effort was made at the last annual meeting to have them reduced still lower, but the move was summarily squelched. No other jurisdiction in the United States, we believe, confers the degrees for twenty dollars. What is the matter with the Hoosier fraters? Is it poverty or emotional parsimony that affects them?"

I believe this sentiment, although expressed in the *Freemason's* peculiar style, reflects the opinion of good Masons generally.

I also refused to approve a proposed change in the by-laws of Lodge No. 202, whereby they thus sought to change the name of the lodge. The Grand Lodge alone has the power to grant charters wherein the lodge is named, so the Grand Lodge alone has the power to change a lodge name. I so informed the brethren, and suggested that they present their petition for a change in name to this grand body. I declined to approve an amendment to the by-laws of Euclid Lodge, No. 198, West Duluth, making the fees lower than those of the other two lodges of Duluth, the three lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

On the 22d of February, by request, and with the assistance of R.: W.: John H. Randall, Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: Robert Forbes, Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Stiles Raymond, Custodian, and other brethren, I dedicated the new and elegant hall of Temple Lodge, No. 59, at Hutchinson. The occasion was one full of interest, and although the program was lengthy, it was well planned and carried out. The afternoon was devoted to the dedicatory exercises and the conferring of the third degree, after which a splendid banquet was served by the wives and daughters of the brethren of the lodge. A musical and literary entertainment, followed by a dance, was held in the opera house in the evening, and was largely attended. I understand that the entertainment was financially a success, and much credit is due Bro. H. L. Merrill, the Worshipful Master, and the other of-

ficers, and my thanks are hereby tendered them, for the courtesies extended to the Grand Lodge Officers; also, to Brothers Randall and Forbes, for the eloquent speeches prepared for the occasion.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia has decided to observe at Mt. Vernon, on Dec. 14, 1899, appropriate memorial services incident to the centennial anniversary of the death of W. Bro. George Washington. This Grand Lodge has received a cordial invitation to send a representative, in the person of the Grand Master, or such alternate as he may appoint. To this invitation I replied by saying that the matter would be presented to the Grand Lodge for its consideration. Extensive preparations are being made to make this event an important one. This illustrious brother was the recognized head and leader of the noble and loyal men who fought the battles of independence, and founded this glorious nation, where freedom abounds and our fraternity has grown and flourished. To make this occasion a complete success all of the Grand Jurisdictions of the nation should be represented. I would therefore recommend that this Grand body honor itself by accepting this invitation.

AMBOY LODGE CHARTER.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge the charter of Amboy Lodge, No. 193, was arrested, for reasons set forth in the report of the committee appointed for the purpose of examining the affairs of the lodge. Soon after the session closed Brother Wareham came to my home and urged me to visit Amboy, which I did. About twenty of the brethren met me in the lodge room, although they had no notice as to the time of my coming. I was received with all due courtesy, and a spirit of fraternity pervaded the meeting. The brothers fully recognize that they had violated masonic law, yet I am convinced, after talking with them, that they did it through ignorance, and that it was an error of the head and not of the heart. There is plenty of good material at Amboy for a strong, prosperous lodge. I understand that the brethren there will petition the Grand Lodge for the restoration of the charter, and, as I have before stated, I suggest that it be considered in connection with the Vernon Center petition. The charter, books, and other property of Amboy Lodge are in the custody of the Grand Secretary.

RELIEF.

I received a printed circular under date of April 12, 1898, from the *Craftsman*, purported to be a journal of Freemasonry, published in Atlanta, Ga., stating that the *Craftsman* proposed to raise a fund for the relief of masonic brethren in Cuba, and asking lodges and Masons to contribute to said fund. Deeming it my duty, under reso-

lutions heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge, to make diligent inquiry before authorizing the appeal, and knowing that the Spaniards were confiscating everything that they could lay their hands on, I wrote to the editor of the *Craftsman*, asking information regarding his authority and means of distribution. To this communication I received no reply. Hence I was forced to believe, with the Grand Master of Wisconsin, that it was an advertising scheme, and so informed the many brethren who had received like circulars, and had written me regarding the matter. In some instances money was inclosed in the letters, to be forwarded, if I deemed it wise and proper. The money in each instance was returned to the generous donor.

I have been requested to authorize the issuance of warrants on the Grand Lodge for the relief of needy brothers. This I refused to do, unless local lodges had exhausted their resources, which it seemed they had not in any instance.

The Grand Lodge, one year ago, by resolution, recommended that applications for relief from the funds of this Grand Lodge be nief when possible with the Grand Master at least thirty days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that, after investigation, the Grand Master shall recommend such action as he may deem wise. A number of applications have been received. Time would not permit me to visit the lodges making these requests, and I attempted to investigate by means of correspondence, which was unsatisfactory. I therefore deem it the part of wisdom to turn these applications over to the Committee on Appropriations without recommendation.

LAYING CORNER STONES.

Contrary to the history of the past, no request has been made on the Grand Lodge during the year to lay a corner stone. I did, however, receive a letter from one of the state capitol commissioners, asking if the Masons would attend the exercises attending the laying of the corner stone of the new capitol building, providing other hands performed the ceremonies. To this I replied that they could not, but that ample opportunity would be given for all the speeches they desired, if the Masons laid the stone. To this no reply was ever received.

GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Peru the then Grand Master, Christian Dam, was censured for issuing an edict to remove the Holy Bible from the altar of the lodges of that Grand Jurisdiction, and replacing it with the constitution of Freemasonry, and a new Grand Master was elected and instructed to restore the Bible to its time-honored position upon the altar, which he did. As it has ever been the desire of this Grand Lodge to be on friendly fraternal

relations with all Grand Jurisdictions that conform to the ancient landmarks and time-honored customs of the craft, I would therefore recommend that the resolution adopted at our last session, whereby all masonic intercourse between this Grand Lodge and the lodges and Masons of its obedience and the Grand Lodge of Peru, or any man or body of men claiming or professing to be Freemasons acknowledging allegiance to said Grand Lodge of Peru, was prohibited, be repealed, and masonic intercourse be restored.

RECOMMENDATION.

I received a communication from one of our District Deputies, in which he recited the following case: A brother had been duly elected and initiated in a lodge in this jurisdiction, after which he removed to Dakota, where some two years later he received, by request of the lodge electing him, the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. This was some fifteen years ago. Now the brother has returned to Minnesota and seeks to join another lodge. The lodge that elected him refuses to grant a dimit until he is clear on the books, they having charged him with the annual dues. The brother appeals to the District Deputy, and claims that the lodge has no right to charge up dues, as he is not a member, he not having signed the by-laws. I am then asked, "Where is his masonic home and has his home lodge a right to charge up dues, he having never signed the by-laws, either in person or by proxy?"

Owing to the provisions of section 26 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, I was unable to answer these questions in a manner satisfactory to myself. Section 26 reads in part as follows: "None but Master Masons and those who have signed the by-laws can be members of a subordinate or particular lodge." This does not seem to me to be in harmony with the form of petition now generally used, which, when signed, makes the candidate not only petition for the mysteries of Masonry if found worthy, but also for membership in that particular lodge; hence, I would decide, were it not for the section of the constitution above quoted, that when the applicant is elected and has received the mysteries he is a member of the lodge that so elects him, and, while he should sign the by-laws the more fully to complete his masonic record, yet the failure to do so does not invalidate his membership. But as I had promised at all times to obey the constitution of the Grand Lodge, I could not so decide, and the questions asked by the good brother remain unanswered. While all Grand Lodge constitutions that I have had access to require the signing of the by-laws, yet few make it a condition precedent to membership. In view of the facts herein set forth, I would recommend the repeal of section 26 of the Grand Lodge constitution, and the adoption of one in its stead similar to section 112 of the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which read as follows:

having more regard for the good of Masonry than for mere technicality, will not regard the establishment of such lodges or Grand Lodges as an invasion of its jurisdiction."

That the Grand Lodge of Washington has grievously erred there can be no dispute. It declares the legitimacy of lodges tracing their origin to Prince Hall and his assumed authority, which all Grand Bodies that have considered the subject, including our own, have declared to be of irregular formation. It recognizes the right of the members of such irregular lodges to visit lodges of regular formation. It presumes to sanction the formation of another Grand Lodge within its own jurisdiction, when section 1 of their constitution says: "This Grand Lodge has supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Washington."

Among the Grand Lodges which have held meetings since the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Washington, those of Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia and Delaware seem to have taken no action regarding the matter. The Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Maryland, Texas and Arkansas have declared nonintercourse between their subordinates and members and the subordinates and members of the Grand Lodge of Washington. In view of all the facts connected with this whole matter, which is to-day the absorbing theme in masonic circles, and the further fact that the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in adopting the report of the committee was not unanimous, as evinced by the fact of a motion being made to reconsider the action taken, I decided to submit the question to this Grand Lodge to take such action as their good judgment shall dictate.

CONCLUSION.

In rendering an account of my stewardship for the year just past, I am not unmindful of the importance of the duties connected with this high and honorable position, and I fully realize that I might have been expected to have followed in the footsteps of my talented predecessors, in giving you as able an administration as they had done. When I accepted the office a year ago, I promised you my best efforts in the discharge of the duties that would devolve upon me. This I have endeavored to do, not from a legal or professional standpoint, but from a standpoint such as I am more capable of—a business one. For my shortcomings, I crave your indulgence. If among the many acts performed some shall meet your approval, I shall be grateful and content. The labors of the year, while arduous, and requiring much time and attention, have been for the most part pleasant and agreeable. I am under many obligations to the brethren who have aided me with their counsel and advice, and to all

those with whom it has been my pleasure to meet my thanks are due for their courtesy and uniform kindness.

The friendships formed during the year are among the strongest and pleasantest of my experience, and will ever be remembered as long as life shall last. As I love Masonry and my masonic brethren, so will I at all times strive to promote the welfare of the lodge and the craft. And now, brethren, for the time, the duty rests with you to so legislate and act that the interests of the craft may be carefully protected, and the honor of the Grand Lodge fully maintained, and may wisdom and brotherly love prevail during this session, and the spirit of Freemasonry govern all your deliberations.

Faternally submitted,

A. T. STEBBINS,
Grand Master.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

In presenting my tenth annual report as your Grand Secretary, I am pleased to inform you that Masonry has made a steady advance during the past year throughout our jurisdiction, the work done exceeding either of the last two years. The correspondence of the office has been more extensive than for any previous year, but, as a rule, every letter was promptly answered on the day of its receipt.

The proceedings of the last session were printed as speedily as possible, and given the usual distribution. Charters were prepared for and delivered to the lodges chartered in 1898, viz.: Elysian, No. 222, and Mora, No. 223, which were duly constituted. Commissions were issued to the thirty-four District Deputies, and a letter of instructions printed and sent with each commission. I also prepared, with the approval of the Grand Master, a form of report for the use of the District Deputies, furnishing them with one copy for each lodge in their respective districts. I also sent a copy to every lodge in the state. The meagerness of former reports suggested the necessity for a reform, if the office of District Deputy was to serve its intended purpose. The questions formulated are intended to suggest to the lodge officers, as well as to the Deputies, the scope of what is required by an official visit from the latter, so that complete information may be furnished the Grand Master, in order that he may thoroughly understand the true condition of every lodge. The results for this first year are highly gratifying, although some reports were rather late in arriving. An annual file of these reports in this office, when properly filled out, will be invaluable for future reference.

The following is a copy of the blanks sent out:

The Grand Lodge register is fully written up. I have gratuitously corrected and affixed Grand Lodge numbers to thirty or forty lodge registers during the year, thus facilitating the future work of the office, as well as insuring correct registers for the lodges. I am at the service of the lodges in continuing this good work.

One-half of the sixty-four orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer were for charitable purposes, and aggregate \$2,745, an increase of \$350 over 1897. Of this sum, \$23.29 out of \$200 was returned by St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, account of Brother Setzer's funeral expenses, and \$20 by Social Lodge, No. 48, as not needed, and is included in my receipts. Several Masters, intrusted with these sacred funds, have failed as yet to submit a report of disbursements, as required by Grand Lodge.

Three calls have been made for a copy of the by-laws of each lodge, but about eighty lodges have neglected to respond. I have carefully examined those on file, and find sections here and there, especially in the older ones, at variance with our laws and usages, and therefore misleading to those who rely on them. The newer lodges have generally adopted our uniform code, and it would be well if all would do so. In the matter of fees charged for the degrees, I find that, out of 126 by-laws on file, twelve charge \$50, one \$45, eight \$40, twelve \$35, thirty-one \$30, thirty-five \$25, and twenty-two \$20. The annual dues range from \$1 to \$5, and average \$2.65, about one-half charging \$2. I was interested in finding how many had provisions for the exemption of Secretary, Chaplain and Tyler, or any of them, and found only twenty-five, whereas 113 lodges have made one or more exemptions this year. Without such an approved by-law, such exemptions are unlawful. Heretofore I had no means of knowing what lodges had a right to deduct for these lodge officers, and have not this year attempted to collect dues thus withheld, preferring to submit the matter to Grand Lodge, expecting you will suggest a remedy. In my opinion, it would be better to abolish all such exemptions, in the interest of fairness to all the lodges, which would then be treated alike, and save much confusion in making up the accounts.

I have been impressed for some years with the importance of furnishing every lodge in the state with a more liberal supply of our laws and regulations, forms, usages, services, etc., in cheap pamphlet form; at least, so far as they apply to lodge affairs. The numerous letters of inquiry annually received emphasize the value and need of just such a publication. In fact, we ought to have a regular lodge manual, adapted to our Minnesota usages; but that would entail too much expense in preparation and printing. I have furnished copies of our constitution to all who have asked for them, but that does not meet the case, and, besides, the supply is well-nigh exhausted. Only one copy of Todd's Digest is sent to each lodge,

and very few members ever have a chance to study or even see it. All the masonic knowledge most of our members possess is what they pick up in the lodgeroom or glean from their lodge by-laws. To become well informed Masons they should each have a synopsis at least, of our laws, usages and customs, in their possession. I have at various times commenced work along these lines, but find the task an arduous one, and would prefer that others take it up. Would gladly proceed, however, if Grand Lodge or the Grand Master would approve the plan suggested. After the work is prepared, the expense of publishing would be comparatively light. I would also, for the sake of uniformity, advise furnishing the lodges with blank petitions for the degrees and membership, as those in use in many lodges are evidently lacking in essentials, judging from omissions found in many lodge returns.

RETURNS.

In view of the nearness of the Grand Lodge meeting to the close of our fiscal year, I made a special appeal to Secretaries this year to get their lodge returns into my hands as early as January 2d. I am pleased to say that their response was almost universal, as all except twenty-four were in my hands on the 4th, the last day of grace allowable under our rules. What the most did do all others could have done if they had set about it. There was one laggard lodge last night, when this report was written, and so I had to close my accounts without it, which I regret. Two others failed to send a remittance with their returns. As usual, I found a number of minor mistakes and omissions, some of which I was enabled to correct by correspondence; but, on the whole, I desire to compliment the Secretaries on the improved character of their work. The returns show more degrees conferred than for either of the past two years, but the net gain is less, owing to so many losses, those by death alone reaching 218, or forty-eight more than last year. The following is a summary: Initiated, 829; passed, 761; raised, 742; restored, 61; joined from other lodges, 304. Total gain, 1,107. Withdrawn, 434; stricken from roll, 255; suspended, 3; expelled, 9; died, 218. Total loss, 919. Net gain, 188. The total membership is 15,906. Of the 205 lodges reporting, 118 show net gains, 70 net losses, while 17 remain as before.

FINANCIAL.

The receipts from fees and dues for 1898 have been \$8,083, with three lodges to hear from (since paid), and \$184.09 from other sources, as appears in detail in my cash book, viz., \$30.80 arrears of dues for 1897, \$50 for charter fees, \$60 dispensation fees and \$43.20

Jan. 13.	16—James C. Rhodes, Jr., Secretary, expenses sickness and funeral H. N. Setzer, Past Deputy Grand Master.....	200.00
Jan. 13.	17—Chas. S. Smith, Worshipful Master No. 34, Cannon Falls, relief orphan son of Bro. H. Manning.....	100.00
Jan. 13.	18—A. M. Adsit, Worshipful Master No. 35, Hastings, relief Bro. Wm. Lee.....	200.00
Jan. 13.	19—Fred B. Wood, Worshipful Master No. 39, Austin, relief Bro. Wm. Vandegrift....	100.00
Jan. 13.	20—Nelson Hassan, Worshipful Master No. 42, Glencoe, relief widow Bro. T. Turnbull.	50.00
Jan. 13.	21—H. O. Dilley, Worshipful Master No. 48, Northfield, relief widow Bro. Amodee..	50.00
Jan. 13.	22—J. H. Thompson, Treasurer Widows' and Orphans' Fund, appropriation from General Fund	2,000.00
Jan. 13.	23—H. S. Doty, Worshipful Master No. 60, Sauk Center, relief Bro. Wm. Germain.	100.00
Jan. 13.	24—Peter Hanson, Worshipful Master No. 78, Houston, relief widow of Bro. Wm. B. Mitchell	50.00
Jan. 13.	25—W. B. Mitson, Worshipful Master No. 81, Alexandria, relief Bro. M. E. Van Cott.	100.00
Jan. 13.	26—E. H. Learned, Worshipful Master No. 82, Howard Lake, relief Bro. B. F. Jackson	50.00
Jan. 13.	27—James Robinson, Worshipful Master No. 89, Litchfield, relief Bro. J. H. McKenney	50.00
Jan. 13.	28—Andrew Davis, Worshipful Master No. 95, Elk River, relief widow of Bro. P. O. Hawes	100.00
Jan. 13.	29—Olof Olson, Worshipful Master No. 104, Willmar, relief widow of Bro. P. A. Odell	100.00
Jan. 13.	30—Thos. S. Morton, Worshipful Master No. 123, Blooming Prairie, relief widow of Bro. G. A. Reynolds.....	100.00
Jan. 13.	31—James T. Emerson, Worshipful Master No. 128, Mapleton, relief Bro. J. B. Hill....	100.00
Jan. 13.	32—J. H. Strong, Worshipful Master No. 138, Atwater, relief Bro. L. B. Woolson.....	100.00
Jan. 13.	33—L. M. Lerwick, Worshipful Master No. 147, Canby, relief widow and orphans Bro. W. N. Miller.....	100.00
Jan. 13.	34—Theo. Harcum, Worshipful Master No. 153, Brown's Valley, relief Bro. L. C. Cummins	200.00

Jan. 13.	35—Geo. Sainsbury, Worshipful Master No. 110, Pickwick, relief widow and orphans	
	Bro. Wm. Dickson.....	75.00
Jan. 13.	36—J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, relief	
	Bro. M. C. Burnside.....	100.00
Jan. 31.	37—W. B. Patton, Custodian.....	14.67
Feb. 13.	38—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Mar. 12.	39—Pioneer Press Co., printing bills.....	439.18
Mar. 12.	40—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Mar. 12.	41—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	22.80
Mar. 22.	42—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	23.85
Mar. 31.	43—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary	312.50
Mar. 31.	44—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	17.25
April 7.	45—W. B. Patton, Custodian.....	6.00
April 13.	46—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
April 15.	47—Dr. Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	20.75
April 29.	48—Dr. Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	18.00
May 3.	49—Louis N. Bryant, insurance on \$3,000.....	48.00
May 13.	50—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
June 13.	51—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
June 30.	52—Thos. Montgomery, office rent, six months.	100.00
June 30.	53—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary	312.50
July 13.	54—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Aug. 13.	55—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Sept. 12.	56—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Oct. 17.	57—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Oct. 17.	58—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary	312.50
Oct. 19.	59—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	9.60
Nov. 12.	60—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Dec. 13.	61—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance.....	60.00
Dec. 31.	62—Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, on salary	312.50
Dec. 31.	63—T. Montgomery, binding proceedings.....	100.00
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Jan. 5.	64—Stiles Raymond, Custodian.....	87.60

Total (sixty-four orders paid)..... \$10,058.10

Jan. 11, 1899. Cash on hand 10,212.90

\$20,271.00

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

78, 81, 89, 91, 95, 101, 104, 113, 114, 123, 128, 138; 194; 198; 207, 213.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Carroll, the hour of 2 p. m. to-morrow was fixed upon for the election of officers.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

By special request of the Grand Master, arrangements had been made for the exemplification of the work of the third degree before the Grand Lodge, at 8 p. m., at a special communication of Braden Lodge, No. 168, which at that hour was congregated by the Master Bro. C. W. Hill, and the several stations and places filled by the officers of Minnesota Lodge U. : D. : of Minneapolis, Bro. Henry R. Adams acting as Master, who then proceeded to confer the degree of Master Mason on an actual candidate, Bro. Hugh McDonald of Braden Lodge.

The work was done in a dignified and impressive manner, in accordance with our ritual, and the lectures were given in full. The officers received and deserved much praise from the large audience present for the correct and masterly manner in which the work was performed.

SECOND DAY.

St. Paul, Jan. 12 1899.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m. Officers and members as before.

ORATION.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Henry R. Adams, of Minneapolis, delivered a finished oration, his theme being "Love." The Grand Master, in the name of the Grand Lodge, extended thanks, and the Grand Secretary requested a copy of the oration for publication in our proceedings. See appendix.

Bro. Irving Todd, Chairman of the Committee on Cor-

respondence, submitted his report, which was ordered published in the proceedings. See appendix.

M.: W.: Bro. N. P. Langford, Past Grand Master of Montana and formerly Master of Pacific Lodge No. 10, of St. Paul, now extinct, being present, was introduced and spent a few minutes in giving an interesting account of Masonry in Montana in early days. He attributed the change in the mining camps from a condition of lawlessness and terrorism to that of law and order, to the influence of Masonry; the members of the craft, on becoming known to each other as such, uniting and leading off in the good work.

AMBOY AND VERNON CENTER.

Bro. A. Barto read the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to Amboy Lodge respectfully report that, having given the subject due consideration, they recommend that the charter of Amboy Lodge, No. 193, be restored. Your committee would not assume to instruct the incoming Grand Master, but we firmly believe, from information submitted to us, that the establishment of a new lodge at Vernon Center would conserve the best interests of the craft.

A. BARTO,
E. W. DURANT,
F. B. JOHNSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

Bro. S. E. Adams presented and read the following two reports, which were adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred so much of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address as relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington pertaining to colored Masonry, have had the same under consideration, and report that they do not feel warranted in passing judgment on said action

REPORT ON LODGES U. D. D.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D. D. fraternally report that they have examined the minute-books of Minnesota Lodge U. D. D. of Minneapolis, Justice Lodge U. D. D. of Lamberton and Lincoln Lodge U. D. D. of Milaca, and, finding the same well and properly kept, and indications of intelligence and zeal, as well as of a good degree of promise and success, would recommend that charters be issued to said lodges.

Your committee have examined the returns of Park Region Lodge U. D. D., at Elbow Lake, but the minute book has not been received. As this lodge has only a very small membership, has acted upon only one petition during the entire year, and has failed to place its books in the hands of the Grand Secretary, the committee recommend that no charter be granted, but that the dispensation be continued another year, and that the incoming Grand Master be requested to specially examine into the condition and prospects of said lodge and report on the same to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

CHAS. GRISWOLD,
GEORGE H. DAVIS,
THOS. D. BELL,

Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your special committee appointed to consider and report on the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to this Grand Lodge to be represented at the memorial services of the centennial anniversary of the death of W. Bro. George Washington, to be observed Dec. 14, 1899, fraternally recommend that the said invitation be accepted, and that the incoming Grand Master be requested to attend said memorial exercises, either in person or by proxy, as the representative of this Grand Lodge.

We further recommend an appropriation of \$100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of such representation.

GEORGE H. DAVIS,
J. A. VANDYKE,
E. B. CHASE,

Committee.

The first recommendation was adopted; the second referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been fully examined and compared in detail and found to be correct.

We find that the appropriation of \$150 made at the last session of the Grand Lodge for contingent expenses of the Grand Secretary has proved inadequate, and that in addition to the unexpended balance of \$19.12 of the preceding year's appropriation he has been compelled to expend the sum of \$58.50, for which we recommend that an appropriation be made for his reimbursement.

WILLIAM A. MCGONAGLE,
H. M. TUSLER,
JNO. S. NELSON,

Committee.

First clause concurred in; the rest of the report was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORT ON CUSTODIANS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address relating to the Board of Custodians, having carefully considered the same, respectfully report:

We heartily approve the zeal manifested and the labors performed by the Custodians, and consider them worthy of the commendation of this Grand Lodge; and, in view of the benefits accruing to the fraternity from the instruction imparted by them, we deem it important that the views of the Grand Master, as expressed in his address, be fully carried out. In accordance therewith your committee recommend that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the purpose of disseminating masonic knowledge by the Custodians to, such subordinate lodges as the Grand Master may deem proper.

R. F. JONES,
LYONEL AYRES
CHAS. G. HINDS,

Committee.

The latter part, recommending an appropriation of \$500, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The rest of the report was concurred in.

eight over last year in the number of our brethren who have crossed the dark river of death.

We wish to extend our thanks to our efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Thos. Montgomery, for the valuable assistance he has rendered your committee.

J. M. ROWLEY,
O. C. HANSON,
L. R. BARTO,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully report that four cases have been referred to us, viz.: The applications of Thomas Zimmerman, formerly a member of Lake View Lodge, No. 143, Ortonville, and Andrew Hotchkiss, formerly of Granite Falls Lodge, No. 117, to be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry; the appeal of John Barker from the sentence of expulsion passed upon him by Garnet Lodge, No. 166, White Bear, and the controversy between Friendship Lodge, No. 211, Graceville, and Faribault Lodge, No. 9, regarding assistance rendered to Bro. W. J. Gale, a member of No. 9. We have carefully examined the evidence in each of these cases and submit the following findings and recommendations:

1. As to the case of Thomas Zimmerman, we find that he was regularly expelled from Lake View Lodge, No. 143, on April 7, 1896, for unmasonic conduct; that his habits have not materially improved since then, and that out of a membership of sixty-one in said lodge only thirteen have indorsed his petition for restoration. Your committee therefore recommend that his application be denied.

2. As to the case of Andrew Hotchkiss, we find that he was regularly expelled from Granite Falls Lodge, No. 117, on or about the month of February, 1895, for unmasonic conduct; that for over two years past he has settled down and conducted himself as a moral and upright man, and his conduct, so far as known to your committee, has been above reproach; and that the officers and members of Granite Falls Lodge believe that he has reformed, and are almost unanimous in favor of his restoration. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Andrew Hotchkiss, late a member of Granite Falls Lodge, No. 117, be, and he is hereby, restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

3. As to the case of John A. Barker, we find that he appears to have been regularly expelled by Garnet Lodge, No. 166; that

within ten days of receiving notice of said expulsion he served upon the Secretary of said lodge a notice of appeal to the Grand Lodge; that no return has ever been made by said Garnet Lodge to the Grand Lodge; and, having no record before us of the proceedings in the case, can form no judgment thereon. Your committee recommend that Garnet Lodge be required to return a copy of said proceedings to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication in 1900.

4. As to the controversy between Friendship and Faribault lodges, we find that, on Aug. 6, 1898, Bro. W. J. Gale, a member in good standing of Faribault Lodge, No. 9, being in Graceville, sick and destitute, he appealed to Friendship Lodge for aid; that said lodge rendered temporary assistance and at once informed Faribault Lodge of the circumstances by letter, and asked for instructions; that, hearing nothing for a week, they wired Faribault Lodge, asking if Brother Gale was in good standing, and received a reply that he was. That on August 24th Faribault Lodge wrote to Friendship Lodge to render Brother Gale reasonable assistance, and that they would be responsible therefor, and that accordingly Friendship Lodge, in good faith, rendered assistance to the amount of \$146.26, of which Faribault Lodge repaid \$23 only, leaving unpaid a balance of \$123.26. Your committee is of the opinion that Faribault Lodge, No. 9, ought to pay Friendship Lodge, No. 211, the sum of \$123.26, balance due for the assistance rendered Bro. W. J. Gale, and so recommend.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL H. GOVE,
LEVI W. FOLSOM,
CLARK KEYSOR,
J. H. SPROUT,
F. H. PETERSON,

Committee.

Adopted.

REPORTS ON JURISPRUDENCE.

(1.)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master relating to decisions, fraternally report that they have duly considered the same, and find that said decisions are in accordance with masonic law and usage, and recommend the approval thereof.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
E. W. DURANT,
C. L. BROWN,
R. H. GOVE,

Committee.

Adopted.

Euclid, No. 198, for Bro. M. C. Burnside.....	100.00
Crescent, No. 207, for Ellen Odell, widow.....	100.00

H. R. WELLS,

H. R. DENNY,

G. S. IVES,

Committee.

Adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. A. D. Countryman, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The present method of disseminating the work is not satisfactory to many of the country lodges;

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master be directed to appoint a committee of three to prepare a plan whereby the work may be more generally disseminated among the lodges of this state, said committee to report at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed, as such committee, Bros. L. A. Barnes (198), D. C. Brown (187), and Alex. Fiddes (90).

Bro. Geo. H. Davis was appointed a committee to prepare and send to the Grand Secretary a suitable memorial on the death of Bro. Chas. T. Stearns, Past Senior Grand Warden and last surviving founder of this Grand Lodge in 1853. The following is his report:

CHARLES THOMAS STEARNS.

On Feb. 23, 1853, delegates from the three chartered lodges in the Territory of Minnesota met in St. Paul "to take such measures as were necessary in order to form a Grand Lodge." After due deliberation it was resolved, "that the permanent good of Masonry demands the formation of a Grand Lodge for Minnesota," and on the following day a lodge of Master Masons was opened, a constitution adopted, and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota regularly organized and launched upon the broad sea of Freemasonry, freighted with the hopes and aspirations of the craft in the young commonwealth. One of the participants in the deliberations and work of those memorable days was Charles Thomas Stearns, Junior Warden of Cataract Lodge, No. 168, of St. Anthony, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The records show that for some years Brother Stearns was an active worker in the new Grand Lodge, and that in 1855 he was

elected Senior Grand Warden. He was destined to outlive all his coworkers in the laying of masonic foundations in this state, surviving until May 22, 1898, when, at the venerable age of nearly ninety-two years, he was called from the shadows of earth, to enter, we trust, the eternal light of the Lodge on High. Brother Stearns left Minnesota in 1864 and was engaged in commercial pursuits in New Orleans until 1866, when he moved to Mobile, and for several years was in the hardware business, and for twelve years following was register of the United States land office. Retiring from active life he returned to New Orleans and lived with his son until his death.

He suffered much during his last year on earth, but his departure was as peaceful and serene as the fading twilight on a quiet summer's eve.

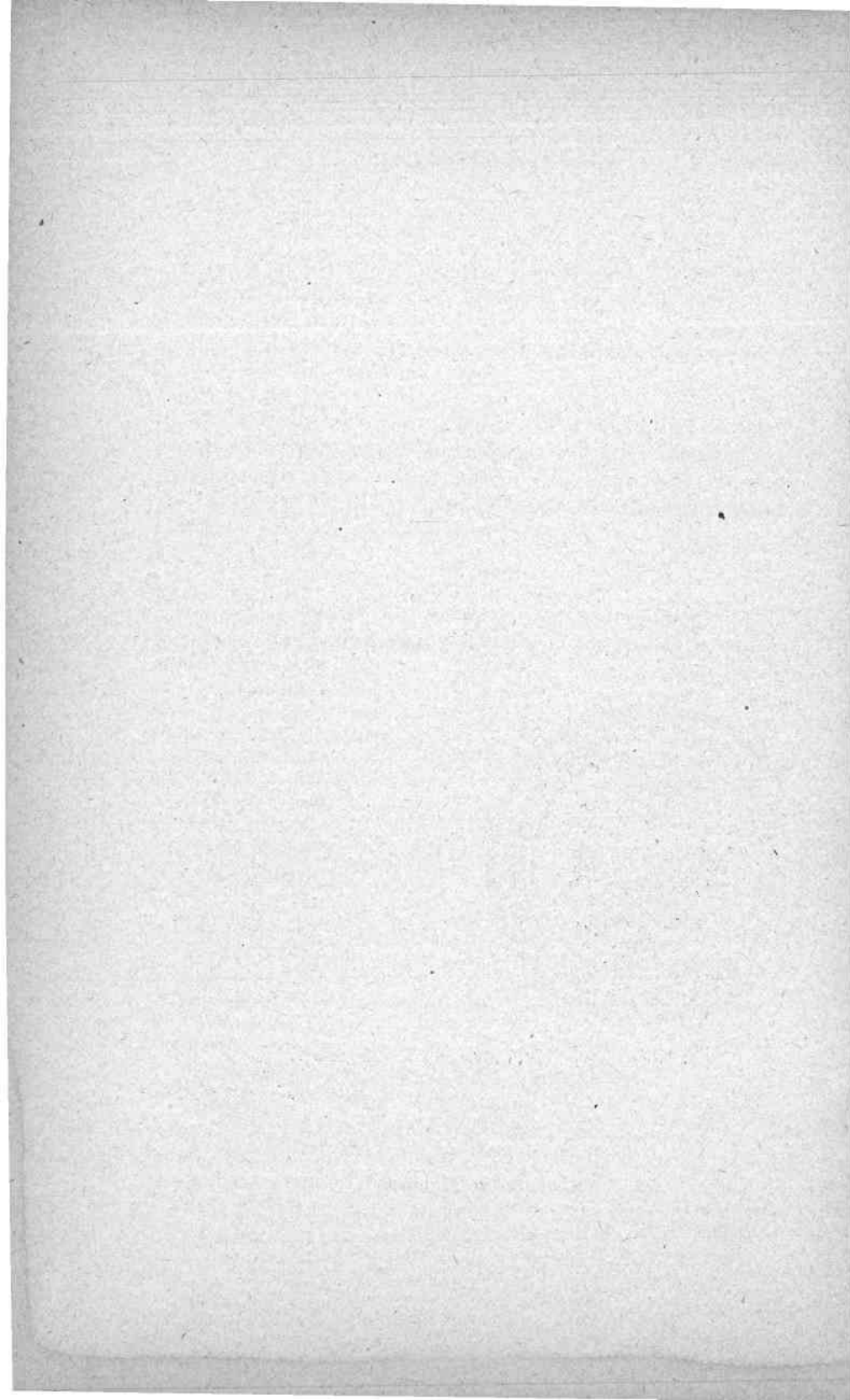
In the death of Bro. Stearns the last of the "Fathers" of Minnesota Masonry has passed beyond the veil which divides time and eternity. We venerate and honor these brothers of a bygone day, not only for their worthy traits of character, but also for the deeds they did. Of no class of men can it be more truly said, "Their work lives after them." The humble structure which they builded, grand only in name and promise, has developed into a lofty and beautiful temple, within whose pillared chambers many thousands have sought and found the wisdom and the elevation of character which it is the mission of Freemasonry to teach and inculcate. Brothers have grown wiser in the knowledge of each other's wants, and have themselves been cheered and strengthened for their labors—daughters, sisters, wives and widows have been comforted in their sorrows and sustained in their hours of need—the seed of fraternity and charity has been sown in many a heart, and its sweetly fragrant flower has bloomed in many a life.

The temple is not yet completed. Its towers are still to rise higher and higher—its walls to be beautified with the portraiture of consecrated and unselfish lives, and within its sacred precincts is still to be taught the divine truth that

"A sacred burden is this life we bear;
Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly;
Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly;
Fall not for sorrow, falter not for sin;
But onward, upward, till the goal we win."

GEORGE H. DAVIS.

On motion of Bro. Thos. Montgomery, seconded by Bro. E. W. Durant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:



ORATION.

BY HENRY R. ADAMS, GRAND ORATOR.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I realize that no words of mine can detract from the fame or add to the glory of Masonry, for I am but a gleaner in that great field whose golden harvests have been many times gathered by my illustrious predecessors.

I have no new subject to discuss, no startling or advanced theories to present, but will confine myself to only one of the subjects embraced in Masonry—namely, "Love." That is the great tenet of our order—"brotherly love." "Love" practices "relief." "Love" is the "spirit of God." "God is the essence of truth," and "truth" is the very "essence of God." Hence "love" embraces "relief" and "truth." Anderson said: "Love is the foundation and capstone, the cement and glory of this ancient fraternity."

Schiller said:

"By love are blessed the Gods on high;
E'en man becomes a deity
When love to him is given.
'Tis love that makes the heavens shine
With hues more radiant, more divine,
And makes dull earth a heaven."

The heavens present us with systems, suns, stars, planets, comets, meteors and clouds, and through our seventh science (astronomy) we learn that this earth of ours which we call great is but a speck when compared with the sun or stars. Think! the sun is 1,200,000 times larger than the earth. Were it hollow and the earth placed at its center, our moon would revolve around us just the same, and there would still be a distance from the orbit of the moon to the circle of the sun of 200,000 miles. The sun is 93,000,000 miles away. If there were a railway connection with it, and you should board the train this morning, and travel at the rate of sixty miles an hour, stopping not a moment day or night, you would be 1,104 years in reaching your destination. Even Methuselah, starting in infancy and traveling with the velocity of this nineteenth century, never in life could have reached the sun.

landscapes—high hills or low dales. And when he is full-blossomed and fruited, his canvas, like Raphael's, shall contain the poetry and sentiment of volumes.

Here is a little girl. She sings from dawn to dusk. She is never so happy as when listening to the rapturous melodies of entrancing music. She has the love germ of the musician. Give her a chance to develop it, and, like a Lind or Wagner, she may set the common air pulsating with melodies divine.

There stands the agriculturist. He loves his farm and cattle. Nothing could induce him to leave these incense-breathing fields for the din and dust of the city. Spring has driven winter from the land, the birds are singing, and he rejoices as he drives his "jocund team afield."

The merchant loves his busy life and is "never happy but in the crowded mart—a busy man among busy men."

No study, art or science can be successfully pursued unless love prompts to action,—a love which shall find pleasure in climbing the first round of the ladder towards the attainment of such art. If that love does not exist, then the so-called simplest act in any pursuit becomes mechanical and drudging, hateful and destructive.

Think of the love of the poet as he puts forth his conceptions of nature's beauty in verse; of the love of the teacher for imparting knowledge to others and witnessing in them the gradual germination and growth of the thoughts he is planting; of the love of the actor for his art, the sailor for his ship, the horseman for his steed, the athlete for his muscular power and endurance, the architect for his constructions; of the sculptor as he strives to embody the peculiar characteristics of his subject in clay, bronze or marble; of the florist as he rears and watches over his beautiful children, the fragrant flowers.

It was the spirit of love in the soul of Homer, blind and spurned from seven cities, that led him to utter poems which the hills of Greece echoed for centuries, which have been translated into every tongue, and are still heard amid the din and roar of this nineteenth century.

Love made Pythagoras the sage of philosophy, Raphael the prince of painters, Wagner the knight of music, Wellington the chief of warriors, Washington the king of patriots and Lincoln the immortal of emancipators.

Love led our government to say to Spain, "Thus far thou hast gone, but further thou shalt not go without my word, sign and words of explanation, which are 'justice, liberty and equality.'" And again our country has sung anew the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on."

It was love that led our pioneers to establish this Grand Lodge, and we are saddened by the thought that their presence here will never more cheer us, and yet we rejoice in the hope and belief that they are now standing upon Jordan's time-kissed sand, singing their songs in Canaan's land. To their memories we pay our richest benedictions.

Brethren, to these heroes and fathers who are still with us, "who have borne the burden and heat of the day;" these men who for forty years in this jurisdiction have held aloft the masonic torch, the torch that sheds a sacred light; to these men whose locks are etched in gray who are going down life's western way to the golden sunset, waiting to hear the tolling of that bell that strikes "low-twelve,"—to these men, patriarchs and sages, rich with the wisdom of the ages, we owe a debt of gratitude and love that this Grand Lodge can never pay.

May a crown of light be given
These our brethren nearing heaven.

Thackeray said: "Love is immeasurably above ambition, more precious than wealth, more noble than name."

Goethe said: "Life outweighs all things if love lies within it."

Dryden said: "Why, love does all that's noble here below."

Southey said:

"Love is indestructible;
Its holy flame forever burneth.
From heaven it came, to heaven returneth;
* * * * *
It soweth here with toil and care,
But the harvest time of love is there."

In our great masonic light, Peter the apostle uttered the immortal admonition: "See that ye love one another with a pure heart, fervently." Paul has said: "Whether there be prophecies they shall fail; whether there be tongues they shall cease; whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away;" but "love never faileth." John, our brother, has added: "God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him." And Christ, the Master, has given earth the final summary: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Masonry is a citadel of love. Its altars are the beacon lights of liberty, around which stand the angels—faith, hope and charity. It is the only fraternity that holds the world in its embrace. It has seen enter its portals the great and good of every land. It has sought and found the grain of gold—the spirit of love—in every creed, and it floods with light and joy the germs of good within the human heart. It is the fairest child of love. Its charity it inherited from the spirit which gave it birth—from “The Great I Am.” Then, brethren, let us dwell in the sunshine of His love, the sunshine that casts no shadow; and, dwelling in that sunshine, we will find a land of pure delight, watered by the rivers of peace, perfumed with the fragrance of the rose and magnolia, and inhabited by a brotherhood **who are** eternally crowning with repeated favors the elect of God.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

N ^o NUMBER.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.						
94	Keystone	Sleepy Eye	Jan. 10, '72	T. J. Murfin.	F. P. James	J. S. Kilbride	T. F. Talbot.	1 and 3 Tues.
95	Sherburne	Elk River	" 10, '72	W. G. Merrifield.	W. P. Rhoda	S. W. Barrett	E. E. Bryant	1 and 3 Tues.
96	Libanus	St. James	" 15, '73	G. O. Knudson.	Galenus Morris	H. W. Hills	G. W. Hills	2 and 4 Tues.
97	Prudence	Windom	" 15, '73	W. V. Ames	A. F. Steiger	E. A. Sime	Nels Anderson.	1 and 3 Wed.
98	Charity	New Ulm	" 15, '73	G. B. Wines	J. C. Geiger	H. N. Somsen	G. Schmidt	1 and 4 Tues.
99	Corner Stone	Fergus Falls	" 15, '73	J. A. McConkey	A. A. Kirk	C. A. Ballard	R. F. Brown	1 and 4 Tues.
100	Aurora	Brainerd	" 15, '73	F. E. Johnson	E. O. Parks	Edward Crust	J. A. Farrar	1 and 4 Tues.
101	Fraternity	Worthington	" 15, '73	F. F. Thurber	Jas. C. Durfee	Wilson Ager	R. B. Plotts	1 and 3 Mon.
102	Labanon	Lanesboro	" 15, '73	E. F. Burns	P. J. Slider	W. H. Travis	M. C. Fellows	1 and 3 Mon.
103	Bethel	Lake Crystal	" 15, '73	C. G. Davis	H. J. Ramssett	Wm. R. Barnes	W. R. Robinson	1 and 3 Sat.
104	Sharon	Willmar	" 15, '73	Olof Olson	H. J. Slider	Jas. Sanderson	A. H. Rolse	2 and 4 Fri.
105	Mt. Tabor	Detroit	" 14, '74	G. C. Busch	L. C. Weeks	S. A. Challman	Casper Wackman	2 and 4 Tues.
106	Relief	Dodge Center	" 14, '74	F. S. Allen	J. D. Derby	Samuel Brown	J. W. Rhodes	1 and 3 Sat.
107	Sunset	Montevideo	" 14, '74	A. B. Trexler	C. W. Baker	John Peterson	P. L. Norman	2 and last Sat
108	Pickwick	Pickwick	" 14, '75	Wm. Harrington	H. W. Stadman	Frank Sinclair	T. P. Rand	1 and 3 Sat.
109	Carver	Carver	" 13, '75	W. H. Carvati	Fred Geil	Jacob Eriele	O. C. Brunius	1 and 3 Sat.
110	Kurum	Minneapolis	" 13, '75	J. H. Abbott	K. A. Mabey	G. H. Daggett	D. W. Knowlton	1 and 3 Fri.
111	Excelsior	Excelsior	" 13, '75	G. P. Dickinson	I. C. Smith	L. L. Eddy	A. B. Lyman	2 and 3 Sat.
112	Ben. Franklin	Luverne	" 13, '75	J. P. Hong	J. A. Knutson	L. L. Bryan	O. E. Ferguson	1 and 3 Fri.
113	Elgin	Brownsdale	" 13, '75	D. F. Ferguson	W. P. Holton	Frank Holgett	J. W. Bryant	2 and 3 Sat.
114	Lafayette	Mower	" 12, '76	M. L. Tanner	H. B. Dillingham	W. F. Warren	J. N. Thatcher	1 and 3 Sat.
115	Granite	Granite Falls	" 12, '76	M. C. Sullivan	H. J. Bally	W. F. Baker	W. J. Rice	1 and 3 Tues.
116	Newport	Newport	" 12, '76	F. C. Trickley	E. S. Frick	H. M. Fredenburgh	S. N. Harrington	2 and 4 Wed.
117	Delta	Marshall	" 12, '76	A. Nolan	G. W. Day	C. W. Martin	Phil. Schleiger	2 and 4 Fri.
118	Grand Meadow	Grand Meadow	" 12, '76	J. M. Wolfe	H. W. Canfield	C. W. Graner	M. K. Wolfe	2 and 4 Sat.
119	Kellogg	Kellogg	" 12, '76	T. S. Morton	J. Jurgenson	R. L. Thomson	C. W. Treat	2 and 4 Tues.
120	Paris	Bloom g Frie	" 12, '76	M. A. Dvereaux	E. S. Lieberg	G. E. Canfield	L. D. Rogers	2 and 4 Wed.
121	Winslow Lewis	Osseo	" 10, '77	Elmer Owen	E. G. Seiler	O. Schwapach	Wm. Krueger	2 and 4 Tues.
122	Moorehead	Moorehead	" 10, '77	F. H. Peterson	J. P. Wolfe	L. Thorntenson	Edw. Ramssett	1 and 3 Tues.
123	Josephus	Mapleton	" 10, '77	J. P. Emerson	M. Robert Little	J. S. Emerson	R. Sutherland	2 and 4 Wed.
124	Swift	Tenson	" 10, '77	Arnold Olson	Robert Olson	A. Larson	B. G. Covell	2 and 4 Tues.
125	Alma	Lyle	" 16, '78	F. B. Losey	G. Robertson	O. J. Fluent	W. F. Cobb	1 and 3 Sat.
126	Humboldt	Yng America	" 16, '78	A. F. Truwe	G. W. Ochoack	H. C. Ackermann	J. W. Truwe	2 and 4 Sat.
127	Golden Sheaf	Morris	" 16, '78	C. H. Leaman	W. P. Fowler	G. F. Wyvall	J. W. G. Curtiss	1 and 3 Sat.
128	Cokato	Cokato	" 16, '79	C. H. Leaman	J. H. Stanberg	John Watson	Frank Griffith	2 and 4 Sat.
129	Nelson	Buffalo	" 15, '79	T. T. Alley	W. W. Thomson	T. F. Norton	S. R. Wells	2 and 4 Mon.

APPENDIX C.—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	Members Jan. 1, 1898.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1899.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owing to the Lodge.	Other Lodge Assets.	Lodge Liabili- ties.
																For 1898.	Paid Grand Secretary			
1	St. Johns.....	179	2	2	2	1	1	3	4	4	...	...	...	9	173	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$916.81	\$1,760.00	\$600.00
2	Catact.....	350	13	14	13	2	3	21	9	4	...	...	...	9	362	175.60	175.60	300.00	20,300.00	1,000.00
3	St. Paul.....	300	11	7	6	3	9	9	10	...	...	...	...	13	246	138.80	138.80	1,600.00	7,223.27	...
4	Hennepin.....	458	19	12	12	2	6	15	14	19	...	...	...	25	448	206.30	206.30	1,750.25	7,223.05	...
5	Ancient Landmark.....	511	12	11	10	1	1	17	12	19	...	...	...	38	490	223.30	223.30	1,254.00	14,793.00	...
6	Dakota.....	103	12	11	10	1	1	11	1	3	...	...	...	8	106	70.30	70.30	170.00	4,018.00	68.00
7	Red Wing.....	129	2	2	2	1	3	6	3	2	...	...	...	7	128	54.00	54.00	270.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
8	Faribault.....	133	4	3	4	1	5	9	4	2	...	...	...	2	140	63.40	63.40	80.00	300.00	...
9	Marionville.....	57	3	2	2	1	1	4	3	8	...	...	...	11	142	84.80	84.80	227.30	1,166.86	135.00
10	Mankato.....	134	13	11	10	1	5	15	1	3	...	...	...	6	71	28.20	28.20	292.85	2,000.00	...
11	Wapahosa.....	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	6	62	31.80	31.80	130.00	4,535.38	350.00
12	Monticello.....	64	3	3	3	1	1	4	1	4	...	...	...	1	40	17.40	17.40	130.00	9,000.00	...
13	Hokah.....	39	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	...	...	...	1	228	104.80	104.80	260.00	20,537.80	50.00
14	Winona.....	225	8	5	5	3	2	9	6	7	...	...	...	7	137	69.60	69.60	156.00	357.00	...
15	Minneapolis.....	86	31	31	31	3	20	54	64	7	...	...	...	1	131	33.80	33.80	46.00	700.00	...
16	Caledonia.....	186	6	6	6	1	4	8	1	12	...	...	...	1	26	12.40	12.40	371.00	50.00	...
17	Pleasant Grove.....	51	5	5	5	1	1	6	1	...	...	...	...	1	148	73.00	73.00	871.00	1,550.00	...
18	North Star.....	140	4	3	3	1	4	8	1	...	...	...	...	1	67	30.40	30.40	175.00	5,950.00	2,255.67
19	Wilton.....	37	2	2	2	1	6	11	1	...	...	...	...	1	57	21.20	21.20	66.75	...	300.00
20	Western Star.....	137	9	6	4	1	3	6	1	...	...	...	...	1	158	23.40	23.40	186.00	1,655.00	...
21	Blue Earth Valley.....	63	4	4	4	2	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	37	18.40	18.40	214.00	450.00	...
22	Clear Water.....	56	4	2	3	1	4	9	1	...	...	...	...	1	65	28.40	28.40	631.25	1,100.00	1,000.00
23	Morning Star.....	41	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	...	...	...	...	1	114	59.80	59.80	75.00	2,000.00	...
24	Anoka.....	151	3	5	5	5	5	12	2	...	...	...	...	1	81	37.40	37.40	65.00	2,936.65	591.47
25	King Hiram.....	38	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	48	30.40	30.40	125.00	100.00	...
26	Sakatah.....	80	9	6	7	2	...	9	2	...	...	...	...	1	47	30.40	30.40	409.00	2,750.00	...
27	Star in the East.....	106	6	7	7	...	5	12	3	...	...	...	...	1	171	84.60	84.60	...	...	...
28	Oriental.....	33	1	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Mount Moriah.....	80	3	4	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	Preston.....	95	1	1	1	1	1
31	Mystic Tie.....	50	2	1	1
32	Washington.....	48	1	1
33	Fidelity.....	103	7	7	7	12	1	4

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															For 1898.	Paid Grand Secretary			
177	Rough Ashler.....	17	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	17	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$72.20	*	\$55.00
178	Anchor.....	36	2	1	1	1	1	6	6	1	1	1	2	36	17.60	17.60	*	*	*
179	King David.....	41	3	3	3	3	3	8	8	1	1	1	2	41	22.30	22.30	51.00	350.00	2,150.00
180	Osage.....	36	3	4	5	1	2	7	7	1	1	1	2	37	21.80	21.80	398.00	3,542.96	9,900.00
181	Dallas.....	70	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	73	39.20	39.20	100.00	900.00	34.22
182	Fair Haven.....	38	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	38	15.00	15.00	116.90	430.00	689.00
184	Shell.....	45	3	3	3	3	3	10	10	1	1	1	3	48	23.60	23.60	250.00	1,188.00	750.00
185	Midway.....	58	9	7	9	7	2	14	14	3	1	3	4	67	43.80	43.80	76.00	900.00	900.00
186	Tonic.....	186	2	8	7	7	2	10	10	3	1	3	4	145	74.60	72.60	301.00	750.00	750.00
187	Arcana.....	45	3	5	6	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	49	30.60	30.60	195.00	188.33	65.75
188	Fortitude.....	52	1	5	6	1	1	7	7	1	1	1	2	52	21.80	21.80	156.00	200.00	50.00
189	Traverse.....	78	1	5	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	81	45.60	45.60	37.00	55.00	300.00
190	St. Elmo.....	68	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	69	10.20	10.20	68.75	300.00	300.00
191	Mizpah.....	33	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	2	33	23.40	23.40	48.00	300.00	300.00
192	Crow River.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	18	38.80	38.80	168.48	690.00	990.71
193	Canton.....	40	1	5	5	5	5	3	3	2	1	1	2	51	21.00	21.00	385.25	667.20	617.51
195	Kenville.....	41	2	3	4	4	3	7	7	1	1	1	4	44	20.40	20.40	189.00	189.00	189.00
196	Geneva.....	36	7	6	4	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	74	36.80	36.80	24.00	700.00	1,000.00
197	Vermillion.....	64	5	5	4	4	3	5	5	2	1	1	4	66	38.80	38.80	24.00	75.00	100.00
198	Euclid.....	80	1	5	5	5	5	3	3	1	1	1	4	88	21.00	21.00	385.25	667.20	617.51
200	Murray.....	71	3	3	3	3	3	7	7	1	1	1	4	74	36.80	36.80	24.00	700.00	1,000.00
201	Zenith.....	25	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	4	28	13.20	13.20	14.00	75.00	100.00
202	Venus.....	18	2	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	2	25	26.20	26.20	28.40	48.00	48.00
203	Stewartville.....	51	4	1	2	2	3	6	6	1	1	1	2	56	20.60	20.60	46.50	304.04	75.00
204	St. Elmo.....	20	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	20	7.20	7.20	193.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
205	Wayzata.....	34	1	6	6	6	4	10	10	1	1	1	2	35	15.60	15.60	189.00	189.00	189.00
206	Fosston.....	29	6	6	6	6	4	10	10	1	1	1	2	29	41.60	39.60	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
207	Crescent.....	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	69	13.80	13.80	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
208	Itasca.....	39	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	8.20	8.20	48.00	66.35	66.35
209	Sibley.....	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	17.40	17.40	32.00	240.75	240.75
210	Columbian.....	22	3	3	3	3	3	11	11	1	1	1	1	24	38.40	36.40	40.00	171.05	171.05
211	Friendship.....	31	3	3	3	3	3	8	8	1	1	1	1	32	18.40	18.40	65.00	436.00	436.00
212	Hallowell.....	29	4	4	4	4	4	12	12	1	1	1	1	38	24.60	24.60	31.25	436.00	436.00
213	Mystic.....	27	5	5	5	5	5	12	12	1	1	1	1	38	24.60	24.60	31.25	436.00	436.00

APPENDIX C.—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS.—Continued.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	Members Jan. 1, 1898.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Restored.	Joined.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1899.	FEES AND DUES.		Dues Owing to the Lodge.	Other Assets.	Lodge Liabili- ties.
																For 1898.	Paid Grand Secretary			
214	Evansville.....	13	3	2	2	2	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	15	\$11.80	\$11.80	\$25.00	\$700.00	\$350.00
215	Argyle.....	39	1	5	2	.....	.....	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	40	30.80	50.80	41.00	300.00	.....
216	Florence.....	33	6	6	2	.....	.....	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	38	35.80	98.80	41.00	915.24	.....
217	Capital City.....	50	2	5	2	.....	.....	5	4	4	.....	.....	.....	1	51	36.80	36.80	244.85	600.00	344.79
218	Carlsbad.....	98	2	3	3	.....	.....	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	41	22.40	22.40	80.00	250.00	.....
219	Mt. Hermon.....	15	4	4	4	.....	.....	7	1	1	.....	.....	.....	3	19	16.60	16.60	19.00	185.48	88.00
220	Olivia.....	14	6	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	14.60	14.60	18.00	200.00	.....
221	Equity.....	18	2	3	4	.....	.....	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	24	16.20	16.20	82.00	157.55	200.00
222	Elysian.....	19	4	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	35.60	35.60	400.00	.....	.....
223	Mora.....	12	9	12	11	.....	.....	13	3	3	.....	.....	.....	3	16	9.00	9.00	11.50	145.00	.....
U. I.	Park Region.....	15	1	1	1	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	87.00	87.00	.....	.....	.....
U. I.	Minnesota.....	.....	30	5	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	15.00	15.00	.....	120.00	.....
U. I.	Justice.....	.....	12	6	6	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	24.00	24.00	.....	250.00	.....
U. I.	Lincoln.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	15,719	829	759	741	60	304	1,105	493	255	3	9	218	918	15,908	\$8,140.00	\$8,033.00	.....	.....	.....

* Not reported.

PAY ROLL, 1899--Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
83	Huram Abi.....	\$8.15	\$6.00	\$9.15	J. J. McCaughey.
84	Orient.....	5.00	3.00	8.00	A. G. Larson.
85	High Forest.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	G. F. Brown.
86	Tyrian.....	2.70	6.00	8.70	E. L. Ford.
87	Doric.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	B. Biere.
89	Golden Fleece.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	J. D. Hayford.
90	Good Faith.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	A. Fiddes.
91	Antiquity.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	W. R. Caswell.
92	Fraternal.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	C. H. Chadbourne
93	Unity.....	3.10	6.00	9.10	L. L. Sartell.
94	Keystone.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. K. L. Hanson.
95	Sherburne.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	W. G. Merrifield.
96	Libanus.....	4.60	6.00	10.60	Geo. Knudson.
97	Prudence.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	A. W. Armes.
98	Charity.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	J. C. Geiger.
99	Corner Stone.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	J. A. McConkey.
100	Aurora.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	F. B. Johnson.
101	Fraternity.....	6.20	6.00	12.20	B. F. Thurber.
102	Lebanon.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	W. S. Henry.
103	Bethel.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	C. G. Davis.
104	Sharon.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	Olof Olson.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	L. C. Weeks.
108	Relief.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	F. S. Allen.
109	Sunset.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	A. B. Treadway.
110	Pickwick.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	W. H. Harrington
111	Carver.....	4.10	6.00	7.10	W. H. Caspari.
112	Khurum.....	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Abbott.
113	Excelsior.....	1.15	6.00	7.15	J. L. Dickinson.
114	Ben Franklin.....	8.30	6.00	14.30	J. P. Hong.
115	Elgin.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	D. F. Ferguson.
116	Lafayette.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	D. L. Tanner.
117	Granite.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	J. K. Stone.
118	Newport.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. M. Trickey.
119	Delta.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	F. C. Whitney.
121	Grand Meadow.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	W. A. Nolan.
122	Kellogg.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	J. M. Wolfe.
123	Prairie.....	3.40	6.00	9.40	J. Jurguson.
124	Janesville.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	M. A. Devereau.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	.95	6.00	6.95	Elmer Owen.
126	Moorhead.....	9.70	6.00	15.70	F. H. Peterson.
128	Josephus.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	J. P. Emerson.
129	Swift.....	5.30	6.00	11.30	Arnold Olsen.
131	Alma.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	F. B. Losey.
132	Humboldt.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	G. W. Ocobock.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	C. H. Leaman.
134	Cokato.....	2.35	6.00	8.35	J. A. Ecklund.
135	Nelson.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	S. R. Wells.
137	Appleton.....	6.20	6.00	12.20	A. McMillan.
138	Orion.....	3.60	6.00	9.60	M. J. Walen.
139	Verndale.....	7.10	6.00	13.10	C. Dittmore.
140	Little Falls.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	L. D. Brown.
141	Crookston.....	11.70	6.00	17.70	Thos. Morris.
143	Lakeview.....	7.10	6.00	13.10	H. Kollitz.
144	Bird Island.....	3.20	3.00	6.20	Ole H. Krogstad.
146	Benton.....	7.40	3.00	13.40	W. W. Bliven.
147	Canby.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	J. P. Lester.
148	Quarry.....	7.70	6.00	13.70	J. W. Cook.
149	Guardian.....	3.15	6.00	9.15	F. J. Kay.
150	Warren.....	12.90	6.00	18.90	H. L. Wood.
151	Chaska.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	W. C. Odell.
153	Kodahya.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	W. H. Carter.
154	Norman.....	10.60	6.00	16.60	P. J. Butler.
155	Tracy.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	Morris Workman
156	Wadena.....	6.35	6.00	12.35	C. M. Miller.
157	Perham.....	7.30	6.00	13.30	A. Marckel.
158	Hector.....	3.60	6.00	9.60	F. J. Hanson.
159	Long Prairie.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	E. A. Tuft.
160	Plymouth.....	.20	6.00	6.20	P. M. Hall.
161	Sincerity.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	W. R. Holly.

PAY ROLL, 1899—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
162	Prescott.....	\$6.75	\$6.00	\$12.75	A. W. Wells.
163	Summit.....		6.00	6.00	A. A. Doolittle.
164	Jasper.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	J. D. Hoar.
165	Minnehaha.....	.20	6.00	6.20	E. R. Williams.
166	Garnet.....	.50	6.00	6.50	Dean W. Leaman.
168	Braden.....		6.00	6.00	C. W. Hill.
169	Pierson.....	8.75	6.00	14.75	T. Guinness.
170	Fulda.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	Emil King.
171	Shekinah.....		6.00	6.00	C. S. Schurman.
172	Marietta.....	4.80		4.80	H. M. Griffin.
173	Plumb Line.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	Walter Dixon.
174	Valley.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	H. J. Rowland.
175	Roman Eagle.....	7.60	6.00	13.60	Jas. R. James.
176	Ark.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Wm. A. Elliott.
177	Rough Ashler.....	1.60	3.00	4.60	P. Bills.
178	Anchor.....	3.85	6.00	9.85	F. L. Estey.
179	King David.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	H. E. Stewart.
180	Osakis.....	5.25	6.00	11.25	O. J. Lee.
181	Dalles.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	Albert Cox.
182	Fair Haven.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	H. K. Kelly.
184	Shell.....	7.75	6.00	13.75	G. D. Mandigo.
185	Midway.....		6.00	6.00	M. L. Bevans.
186	Ionic.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	K. Lemon.
187	Arcana.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Thos. F. Smith.
188	Fortitude.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	R. B. Green.
189	Traverse.....	8.20	6.00	14.20	A. C. Earsley.
190	Triune.....		6.00	6.00	E. A. Paradis.
191	Mizpah.....		6.00	6.00	E. C. Shibley.
192	Crow River.....	1.40	6.00	7.40	J. A. Berg.
194	Canton.....	7.40	6.00	13.40	E. A. Mosher.
196	Geneva.....	7.30	6.00	13.30	Alonzo Woodman
197	Vermillion.....	11.25	6.00	17.25	W. M. Shephard.
198	Euclid.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	L. A. Barnes.
199	Murray.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	Robt. B. Forest.
200	Zenith.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	O. A. Fox.
201	Kenyon.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	J. A. Gates.
202	Venus.....	6.87	6.00	12.87	C. W. Paige.
203	Stewartville.....	6.40	6.00	12.40	E. G. Lenton.
204	St. Elmo.....	1.20	6.00	7.20	H. D. Jencks.
205	Wayzata.....	.95	6.00	6.95	H. L. Boomhower
206	Fosston.....	12.35	6.00	18.35	I. S. Stadsfold.
207	Crescent.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	A. L. Ritter.
208	Itasca.....	8.35	6.00	14.35	H. D. Powers.
209	Sibley.....	2.20	6.00	8.20	J. A. E. Johnson.
210	Columbian.....	6.15	6.00	12.15	J. L. Gessell.
211	Friendship.....	7.35	6.00	13.35	J. Brynildsen.
212	Hallock.....	14.60	6.00	20.60	E. C. Yetter.
213	Mystic.....	6.60	6.00	12.60	G. T. Williams.
214	Evansville.....	5.80	6.00	11.80	E. H. Webb.
215	Argyle.....	13.35	6.00	19.35	M. Cuthill.
216	Florence.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	E. M. Pool.
217	Capital City.....		6.00	6.00	H. A. McCaffrey.
218	Griswold.....	2.60	6.00	8.60	E. E. Green.
219	Mt. Hermon.....	5.95	6.00	11.95	Frank Wilcox.
220	Olivia.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. M. Packenpaugh
221	Equity.....	5.85	6.00	11.85	J. H. Catlin.
222	Elysian.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	Herbert L. Coffin.
223	Mora.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	J. C. Pope.
Total.....		\$922.82	\$1,895.00	\$2,317.82	

APPENDIX F.—Continued.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Morristown.....	Cannon River...	52	St. Cloud.....	North Star.....	23
New Paynesville..	Paynesville	71	St. James.....	Libanus	96
Newport.....	Newport	118	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	3
New Ulm.....	Charity	98	St. Paul.....	Ancient Landm'k	5
Northfield.....	Social	48	St. Paul.....	Summit	163
Olivia.....	Olivia	220	St. Paul.....	Braden	168
Ortonville.....	Lakeview	143	St. Paul.....	Shekinah	171
Osakis.....	Osakis	180	St. Paul.....	Midway	185
Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis..	125	St. Paul.....	Triune	190
Owatonna.....	Star in the East..	33	St. Paul.....	Capital City.....	217
Park Rapids.....	Shell	184	St. Peter.....	Nicollet	54
Perham.....	Perham	157	Taylors Falls..	Zion	55
Pickwick.....	Pickwick	110	Tower.....	Vermillion	197
Pine Island.....	Mystic Tie.....	37	Tracy.....	Tracy	155
Pipestone.....	Quarry	148	Two Harbors..	Fortitude	188
Plainview.....	Illustrious	63	Verndale.....	Verndale	189
Pleasant Grove..	Pleasant Grove..	22	Vernon Center..	Vernon Center..	U D
Preston.....	Preston	36	Villard.....	Sincerity	161
Princeton.....	Fraternal	92	Wabasha.....	Wapahasa	14
Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	8	Wadena.....	Wadena	156
Red Wing.....	Arcturus	130	Walnut Grove..	Walnut	136
Redwood Falls..	Antiquity	91	Warren.....	Warren	150
Renville.....	Renville	195	Waseca.....	Tuscan	77
Rochester.....	Rochester	21	Watertown.....	Watertown	50
Rockford.....	Star	62	Waterville.....	Sakatah	32
Royalton.....	Anchor	178	Wayzata.....	Wayzata	205
Rush City.....	Jasper	164	Wells.....	Doric	87
Rushford.....	Mystic Star.....	69	West Concord..	Washington	38
Sauk Center.....	Star in the West..	60	West Duluth...	Euclid	168
Sauk Rapids.....	Unity	93	Wheaton.....	Traverse	189
Shakopee.....	King Solomon..	44	White Bear.....	Garnet	166
Slayton.....	Murray	199	Willmar.....	Sharon	104
Sleepy Eye.....	Keystone	91	Windom.....	Prudence	97
South St. Paul..	Mizpah	191	Winnebago City..	Blue Earth Valley	27
Springfield.....	Zenith	200	Winona.....	Winona	18
Spring Valley...	Spring Valley...	58	Winthrop.....	Sibley	209
Staples.....	Crescent	207	Wood Lake.....	Florence	216
Stewartville.....	Stewartville	203	Worthington...	Fraternity	101
Stillwater.....	St. Johns.....	1	Young America..	Humboldt	132
St. Charles.....	Rising Sun.....	49	Zumbrota.....	Hermion	41



In Memory of
the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

John B. Purdie,

Past Grand Master, Virginia; died Nov. 10, 1898.

Thomas J. Wilder,

Past Grand Secretary, North Dakota; died Oct. 25, 1898.

Francis L. Childs,

Past Deputy Grand Master, Colorado; died Sept. 27, 1898.

Oren Harrison Henry,

Past Grand Master, Colorado; died Oct. 4, 1898.

Henry I. Stewart,

Past Grand Master, Florida; died Oct. 20, 1898.

Archelaus M. Hughes,

Past Grand Master, Tennessee; died Oct. 27, 1898.

John Ridley Frizzell,

Past Grand Secretary, Tennessee; died Oct. 6, 1898.

MORTUARY ROLL.

	DIED.
ST. JOHNS, No. 1—Charles H. Rhoades, . . .	March 4, 1898
Asa L. Harvey,	Feb. 14, 1898
Leonard Clark,	May 15, 1898
Isaac Staples,	June 27, 1898
George W. Chambers,	June 27, 1898
CATARACT, No. 2—A. Ortmun,	March 16, 1898
E. B. Ellsworth,	June 25, 1898
Harvey H. Stevens,	Oct. 7, 1898
J. C. Berry,	Nov. 16, 1898
George A. Parker,	Nov. 28, 1898
ST. PAUL, No. 3—Kimble P. Cullen, . . .	Jan. 19, 1898
Benj. W. Brunson,	May 14, 1898
Joseph R. Weide,	July 28, 1898
HENNEPIN, No. 4—Theo. Gross,	Jan. 12, 1898
Jesse G. Jones,	April 11, 1898
H. N. Avery,	April 17, 1898
W. S. Elliott,	May 1, 1898
C. B. Spicer,	June 1, 1898
Thomas M. Linton,	June 9, 1898
Henry G. Howe,	June 14, 1898
John T. Thompson,	Aug. 10, 1898
Henry G. Sidle,	Aug. 12, 1898
Jacob Breyer,	Oct. 10, 1898
J. Mace Eustis,	Oct. 31, 1898
ANCIENT LANDMARK, No. 5—W. T. Maxfield, . . .	Feb. 14, 1898
Earnest Spiegel,	April 20, 1898
Thos. C. Robinson,	May 2, 1898
Wm. E. Burton,	May 14, 1898
John S. Robertson,	Aug. 17, 1898
Jacob Meili,	Sept. 11, 1898
Jacob E. Meili,	Dec. 25, 1898
DAKOTA, No. 7—H. C. Straight,	June 20, 1898
Nathan Emerson,	June 29, 1898
Thomas Clark,	July 21, 1898
Samuel W. Pearson,	Oct. 22, 1898
RED WING, No. 8—Christopher Barrel, . . .	June 2, 1898
Frank A. Morley,	Aug. 30, 1898
Wm. H. H. Roberts,	Sept. 10, 1898
Wm. Daniels,	Nov. 24, 1898

Garrett T. Johns,	March 5, 1898
Charles R. Henage,	May 2, 1898
Tobias Zweifel,	Dec. 7, 1898
HENDERSON, No. 80—William Otten,	May 22, 1898
Henry W. Blasing,	July 17, 1898
CONSTELLATION, No. 81—Wm. E. Chidester,	Sept. 19, 1898
HURAM ABI, No. 83—Ulysses B. Shaver,	March 14, 1898
Jacob Sesmak,	Aug. 11, 1898
Delwan South,	Oct. 4, 1898
HIGH FOREST, No. 85—Verge C. Dickey,	Aug. 21, 1898
GOLDEN FLEECE, No. 89—Jacob Lenhard,	March 2, 1898
Nils M. Holm,	Nov. 27, 1898
FRATERNAL, No. 92—Isaac Henry,	March 7, 1898
KEYSTONE, No. 94—John H. Hansen,	March 28, 1898
SHERBURNE, No. 95—William B. Mabie,	April 19, 1898
Joseph W. Libby,	May 26, 1898
W. T. Struble,	Oct. 28, 1898
LIBANUS, No. 96—M. E. Mullen,	May 16, 1898
PRUDENCE, No. 97—George W. Laing,	June 18, 1898
CORNER STONE, No. 99—F. J. Kneeland,	Oct. 15, 1898
SHARON, No. 104—Lars P. Larson,	Jan. 21, 1898
MT. TABOR, No. 106—Duncan McDougal,	Aug. 12, 1898
SUNSET, No. 109—John C. Mullen,	Jan. 18, 1898
Thomas Otto,	Nov. 16, 1898
PICKWICK, No. 110—Elias Brickert,	April 11, 1898
KHURUM, No. 112—Eli B. Ames,	Feb. 12, 1898
F. S. Gilson,	April 11, 1898
Henry G. Sidle,	Aug. 13, 1898
ELGIN, No. 115—John J. Pratt,	Aug. 5, 1898
Enoch Dickerman,	Aug. 22, 1898
GRANITE, No. 117—Joseph H. Fortier,	March 28, 1898
NEWPORT, No. 118—James Hampson,	May 15, 1898
Anthony Fritz,	July 12, 1898
DELTA, No. 119—Throned Opdahl,	March —, 1898
John L. Otis,	March —, 1898
GRAND MEADOW, No. 121—J. G. J. A. Corell,	Nov. 27, 1898
KELLOGG, No. 122—James J. Ryan,	Feb. 1, 1898
JANESVILLE, No. 124—Sylvester F. Shepard,	March 4, 1898
WINSLOW LEWIS, No. 125—C. H. Ward,	Oct. 4, 1898
MOORHEAD, No. 126—John P. Hanson,	Jan. 24, 1898
Frank J. Burnham,	April 17, 1898
ALMA, No. 131—David West,	April 6, 1898
GOLDEN SHEAF, No. 133—C. Wintermute,	Feb. 25, 1898
Reuben M. Richardson,	March 16, 1898
Thomas E. Golden,	Nov. 18, 1898
COKATO, No. 134—Axel Jorgensen,	June 4, 1898
APPLETON, No. 137—Arid G. Bullock,	June 15, 1898

ORION, No. 138—James G. Lester, . . .	Aug.	21, 1898
E. W. Howard,	Sept.	7, 1898
LITTLE FALLS, No. 140—Jerry Root, . .	April	20, 1898
CROOKSTON, No. 141—Frank E. Hertz, . .	June	30, 1898
Harvey E. Cooke,	Nov.	24, 1898
LAKE VIEW, No. 143—Wm. Russell Brown,	March	16, 1898
S. H. Scholberg,	June	21, 1898
E. J. Watkins,	Oct.	29, 1898
WARREN, No. 150—Isaac J. McGillam, . .	June	23, 1898
CHASKA, No. 151—F. W. Henning, . . .	Feb.	20, 1897
KODAHYA, No. 153—Lewis C. Cummins, .	Feb.	9, 1898
PERHAM, No. 157—Adolph G. Pentilla, . .	Sept.	3, 1898
SUMMIT, No. 163—Robert A. Wheaton, .	Feb.	13, 1898
Norton R. Bagley,	April	17, 1898
L. Sharpless,	Dec.	21, 1898
JASPER, No. 164—Elisha W. Sloan, . . .	March	6, 1898
Franklyn W. Lee,	March	18, 1898
MINNEHAHA, No. 165—William E. Hyde, .	Aug.	11, 1898
BRADEN, No. 168—Haskel Ransford, . .	Feb.	14, 1898
A. W. Bascom,	Oct.	17, 1898
SHEKINAH, No. 171—George F. Clifford, .	June	13, 1898
PLUMB LINE, No. 173—Edwin Baker, . .	July	13, 1898
ARK, No. 176—Charles F. Tiltean, . . .	March	13, 1898
Romaine H. Saxton,	May	10, 1898
Marshall H. Greenly,	June	10, 1898
DALLES, No. 181—August Peterson, . . .	April	27, 1898
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Frank D. Hunter,	Feb.	14, 1898
Finley N. Frisbee,	July	7, 1898
CANTON, No. 194—Henry H. Scott, . . .	Sept.	23, 1898
EUCLID, No. 198—William D. Grimes, . .	Feb.	1, 1898
MURRAY, No. 199—James E. Doak, . . .	June	2, 1898
CRESCENT, No. 207—John Ormuth, . . .	May	27, 1898
SIBLEY, No. 209—E. Andre Campbell, . .	Dec.	13, 1898
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Mt. HERMON, No. 219—C. P. Councilman,	Jan.	23, 1898
Fred Rankin,	March	28, 1898
ELYSIAN, No. 222—John Kuykendall, . .	March	26, 1898

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

JOHN D. HOAR (164), Rush City, D.: D.: G.: M.:

St. Johns, No. 1.....Stillwater	Golden Rule, No. 65.....Lakeland
Acacia, No. 51.....Cottage Grove	Jasper, No. 164.....Rush City
Zion, No. 55.....Taylors Falls	Garnet, No. 166.....White Bear

NINTH DISTRICT.

D. R. THOMPSON (62), Rockford, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Star, No. 62.....Rockford	Plumb Line, No. 173....Kimball Prairie
Paynesville, No. 71....New Paynesville	Fair Haven, No. 182.....Annandale
Nelson, No. 135.....Buffalo	Crow River, No. 192.....Belgrade

TENTH DISTRICT.

OLOF OLSON (104), Willmar, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Sharon, No. 104.....Willmar	Prescott, No. 162.....Herman
Swift, No. 129.....Benson	Mt. Hermon, No. 219.....Hancock
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....Morris	

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

ISAAC VERVALEN (218), Dassel, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Watertown, No. 50.....Watertown	Cokato, No. 134.....Cokato
Howard, No. 82.....Howard Lake	Orion, No. 138.....Atwater
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....Litchfield	Griswold, No. 218.....Dassel

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

D. W. KNOWLTON (112), Minneapolis, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Hennepin, No. 4.....Minneapolis	Excelsior, No. 113.....Excelsior
Minneapolis, No. 19.....Minneapolis	Wayzata, No. 205.....Wayzata
Khurum, No. 112.....Minneapolis	Minnesota, No. 224.....Minneapolis

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. H. HARTLEY (2), Minneapolis, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Cataract, No. 2.....Minneapolis	Minnehaha, No. 165.....Minneapolis
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....Osseo	Ark, No. 176.....Minneapolis
Plymouth, No. 160.....Minneapolis	Arcana, No. 187.....Minneapolis

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

J. J. EARLEY (3), St. Paul, D.: D.: G.: M.:

St. Paul, No. 3.....St. Paul	Mt. Moriah, No. 35.....Hastings
Ancient Landmark, No. 5.....St. Paul	Newport, No. 118.....Newport
Dakota, No. 7.....Hastings	Braden, No. 168.....St. Paul

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

ANDREW HENDERSON (190), St. Paul, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Summit, No. 163.....St. Paul	Triune, No. 190.....St. Paul
Shekinah, No. 171.....St. Paul	Mizpah, No. 191.....South St. Paul
Midway, No. 185.....St. Paul	Capital City, No. 217.....St. Paul

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

H. L. ZWEINER (143), Ortonville, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Appleton, No. 137.....Appleton	Traverse, No. 189.....Wheaton
Ortonville, No. 143.....Ortonville	Friendship, No. 211.....Graceville
Kodahya, No. 153.....Brown's Valley	

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

M. C. SULLIVAN (117), Granite Falls, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Sunset, No. 109.....Montevideo	Hector, No. 158.....Hector
Granite, No. 117.....Granite Falls	Renville, No. 195.....Renville
Bird Island, No. 144.....Bird Island	Olivia, No. 220.....Olivia

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

E. L. FORD (80), Mazeppa, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Red Wing, No. 8.....	Red Wing	Hermon, No. 41.....	Zumbrota
Wapahasa, No. 14.....	Wabasha	Tyrian, No. 86.....	Mazeppa
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	Pine Island	Kellogg, No. 122.....	Kellogg
Carnelian, No. 40.....	Lake City		

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

GEO. W. BALLARD (108), Dodge Center, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Mantorville, No. 11.....	Mantorville	Huram Abi, No. 83.....	Kasson
Rochester, No. 21.....	Rochester	Relief, No. 108.....	Dodge Center
Washington, No. 38.....	West Concord	Kenyon, No. 201.....	Kenyon

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

GEORGE L. WOOD (61), Eyota, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Harmony, No. 43.....	Lewiston	Ashler, No. 61.....	Eyota
Evergreen, No. 46.....	Clyde	Illustrious, No. 63.....	Plainview
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	St. Charles	Elgin, No. 115.....	Elgin
Meridian, No. 56.....	Chatfield		

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

A. C. PAGE (39), Austin, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Fidelity, No. 39.....	Austin	Prairie, No. 123.....	Blooming Prairie
Lansing, No. 72.....	Lansing	Alma, No. 131.....	Lyle
Lafayette, No. 116.....	Brownsdale		

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

FRANK E. DEAN (85), High Forest, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Pleasant Grove, No. 22..	Pleasant Grove	High Forest, No. 85.....	High Forest
Spring Valley, No. 58...	Spring Valley	Grand Meadow, No. 121.	Grand Meadow
Eureka, No. 75.....	Le Roy	Stewartville, No. 203.....	Stewartville

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

N. G. HAZEN (36), Preston, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Hokah, No. 17.....Hokah	Orient, No. 84.....Money Creek
Preston, No. 36.....Preston	Lebanon, No. 102.....Lanesboro
Mystic Star, No. 69.....Rushford	Canton, No. 194.....Canton
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....Houston	

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

ENOCH STOTT (12), Winona, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Winona, No. 12.....Winona	Brownsville, No. 73.....Brownsville
Caledonia, No. 20.....Caledonia	Pickwick, No. 110.....Pickwick
Morning Star, No. 29.....La Crescent	

And the said District Deputy Grand Masters are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of A.: F.: & A.: M.: of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this 30th day of January, A. D. 1899, A.: L.: 5899.

ALONZO T. STEBBINS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

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APPENDIX K.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence has received and examined the following grand lodge proceedings:

ALABAMA, 1897.

The seventy-seventh annual communication was held at Montgomery, Dec. 7th and 8th, M.: W.: J. A. Bilbro, Grand Master. Two hundred and forty lodges represented; three hundred and eighty on the roll: Six past grand masters present, our representative included.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered, three forfeited, and one restored. Membership eleven thousand, three hundred, and sixty-eight; gain two hundred and fifty-five. Ministers of the gospel eight hundred and thirty-five; gain sixty-six. Receipts \$3,285.80.

Fifty-nine decisions were reported and referred to the committee on jurisprudence, who asked leave to report thereon next year. We don't blame them. Some are in accord with general usage, others are not. The following samples of the latter class are reproduced for the benefit of the craft:

1. This grand lodge has no right to make any suggestions as to the qualifications for membership in the order or society known as the Eastern Star.

8. Dues continue to accrue against one after his suspension for non-payment of dues.

9. A subordinate lodge should not initiate a person who has not been bona fide a resident of the State of Alabama for twelve months next preceding such initiation, unless it be an officer or soldier of the army, a seafaring man, or a minister of the gospel actively engaged in the ministry.

10. A lodge has the right to enact a by-law providing that no one engaged in the business of retailing alcoholic liquors shall hold membership in the lodge.

20. A person who is crippled in his right leg and has to use a crutch is not thereby prevented from being made a mason, if his infirmity does not render him incapable of practicing and teaching the ritual of the fraternity.

23. One who cannot read or write is not disqualified on that account from holding the office of worshipful master.

53. A lodge is not absolved from its obligation to extend masonic help to a master mason's widow in distress, because after the death of her husband she parts with her virtue.

57. New by-laws adopted by a subordinate chartered lodge do not have to be submitted to the grand master for his approval before they go into effect.

No. 1 is hardly upon a masonic topic. No. 8 (see code) conflicts with the established principle, no member, no dues. No. 9 (see code) exempts certain classes of citizens from the provisions of common law. No. 10 authorizes a qualification for membership not contemplated by the old regulations. No. 20 is not warranted by the ancient landmark. No. 23 indicates a standard of intelligence beyond our comprehension. No. 53 interferes with individual judgment as to worthiness. No. 57 is in accord with the code, which provides that lodge by-laws shall be consistent with the constitution of the grand lodge, without authorizing any one to pass upon the fact.

A large proportion of the questions answered might have been easily disposed of by referring to their code, which contains about as much poor law as the office of a frontier justice of the peace when court is in actual session.

The recommendation of the grand master for a masonic home met with a prompt response, and the plan for systematic collections was adopted. This is particularly commendable in view of their temple debt, which, although less

than \$1 per capita, is liable to be considerable more before liquidated in full.

The decision of the grand master on the burial service was modified by the committee on work, so that when inconvenient at the time of interment it may be performed as soon thereafter as practicable. There are many objections to the so-called funeralizing of the dead. A simple memorial service is far better.

The corner stone of the new temple was laid the second morning, with an historical address by Bro. G. P. Harrison, past grand master, which should have been printed; the contract price of the temple was reported at \$28,000, necessitating a loan of \$10,000; the Wisconsin relief proposition was not concurred in; the masonic home in Jefferson County was indorsed; and a silver service was presented to the junior past grand master.

Bro. P. J. Pillans prepared his accustomed report on foreign correspondence, in which Minnesota is kindly noticed. He says:

And in this connection may it be said that the pamphlet contains a record of the fifth reunion of this association, exemplifying the fact that age does not materially dull the appetite for either good viands or interesting reminiscences.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Irving Todd, in his usual courteous and pleasant manner.

Bro. Pillans misinterprets our criticism upon lodge gatherings. They are beneficial in results and should be encouraged; the objection was to the public demonstration feature, for which there is neither warrant nor justification.

M.: W.: J. A. Bilbro, Gadsden, Grand Master, and R.: W.: H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. P. J. Pillans, Belknap, committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1897.

The sixteenth annual communication was held at Bisbee, Nov. 9th, 10th, and 11th, M.: W.: W. F. Nichols,

Bro. Grace holds that a visiting brother has a right to inspect the lodge charter; that a masonic lodge violates no municipal law by holding a communication on Sunday; that it is always safe to oppose additions to the usages of masonry; that a masonic lodge, as such, has no business in a church except in attendance at the funeral of a brother; and that as a rule a grand master should not succeed himself.

M.: W.: J. B. Baker, Melbourne, Grand Master; R.: W.: Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. H. Davidson, Evening Shade, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

1898.

At the session held in Little Rock, Nov. 15th and 16th, a special report of the committee on foreign correspondence was adopted and published in a separate pamphlet. It reviews the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington upon negro masonry at considerable length, closing with the following:

We cannot continue our fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington without tacitly recognizing everything as masonry which they recognize as such, therefore we recommend the following:

Resolved, That in view of the action in regard to negro masonry taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington, Free and Accepted Masons, at its last communication, the Grand Lodge of Arkansas hereby declares non-intercourse between its subordinates and members and the said Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and members.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1898.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at New Westminster, June 23d and 24th, M.: W.: E. D. McLaren, Grand Master. Twenty-three lodges represented; twenty-four on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership thirteen hundred and thirty-nine; gain eighty. Receipts \$2,166.

Divine service was held in the lodge room, owing to the excessive rain, with an eloquent sermon by Bro. J. A. Logan, grand chaplain; a ruling for the restoration of a brother suspended more than two years for non-payment of dues was amended so that it may be done by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting; and an amendment to the constitution was adopted requiring a master mason to prove his proficiency in that degree as soon as possible after it had been conferred.

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M.: W.: David Wilson, Victoria, Grand Master; V.: W.: W. J. Quinlan, Nelson, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith, New Westminster, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1897.

The forty-eighth annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 12th to 16th, M.: W.: W. T. Lucas, Grand Master. Two hundred and thirty-six lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-one on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Six dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership eighteen thousand, eight hundred, and eight; gain six hundred. Receipts \$21,463.55.

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The deaths of Bros. C. W. Taylor, N. G. Curtis, and A. R. Conklin, past grand masters, were announced.

Among the approved decisions are found the following:

An entered apprentice, nor a fellow craft mason, is not, as a right, entitled to relief from the funds of a lodge.

The funds of a lodge cannot be used to defray the expenses of the accused in a masonic trial, nor to repay money expended for attorney's fees.

A lodge has no authority to use its funds to pay assessments on a life insurance policy, even though made out in favor of the lodge, especially where there were grave doubts that the amount of the policy would be paid to the lodge in case of the death of the insured.

Where there was no evidence of a legal marriage, a woman claiming to be the widow of a deceased brother mason should not be recognized as such, and is not the object of a lodge's charity.

The reports of the boards of relief show that San Francisco expended \$10,176.80; Los Angeles, \$3,145.97; Oakland, \$1,773.73; Sacramento, \$1,487.40; San Diego, \$952.44; Stockton, \$627.33. There were thirteen cases from Minnesota at \$734.10, of which Melrose Lodge No. 72 has refunded \$3, Palestine Lodge No. 79 \$70, Aurora Lodge No. 100 \$122.75, and Shekinah Lodge No. 171 \$21.

An elaborate oration was delivered by Bro. F. E. Baker, grand orator; a memorial service was held for their deceased past grand masters; any proposition looking to a change from oral teachings was declared unmasonic; burial by cremation was authorized with masonic honors; a resolution for the organization of a supreme grand lodge was not entertained; the annual appropriation of \$480 to Bro. J. A. Tutt, past grand master, was continued; two lodges were permitted to consolidate, under the name and number of the elder; the inspectors were required to attend a special meeting each year instead of the annual communications, with the same compensation as paid representatives; the revised ritual was exemplified, and the question of its adoption postponed until next year; a permanent committee on ritual was provided for; memorial pages were ordered for forty-eight past masters deceased during the year; an appropriation of \$20,000 was made to the home, to

become available upon the completion of the building; and the levy for the representative fund was reduced to twenty cents per capita.

The usual able and interesting report on correspondence was presented by Bro. W. A. Davies, from which we quote:

A portrait of Grand Master Lawless adorns the opening page of the volume.

The reports of Bro. Thomas Montgomery, grand secretary, show the same careful supervision of grand lodge affairs as of old; his statistical tables are always satisfactory.

A fine oration was delivered by W.: Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator, whose subject was the old theme, freemasonry.

In the appendix to the journal we find a very interesting report of the fifth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, with a portrait of W.: Bro. C. K. Smith, "the founder, organizer, and first master of the first masonic lodge in Minnesota Territory." On the opening pages, and further on, a portrait of Bro. C. P. Scott, who was the first initiate of St. Paul Lodge U. D., Sept. 17th, 1849. The historical and biographical sketches of men and things in the early masonic history of the now developed northwest is almost fascinating to one of the old boys.

The chairman of correspondence, our W.: Bro. Irving Todd, again presents the report and bows himself out without either a good morning or a good bye, but as our distinguished brother has given us a paper reviewing fifty-seven grand bodies within the limit of eighty-five pages, we presume he set his condenser so short that it cut him off at both ends.

M.: W.: Thomas Flint, jr., San Juan, Grand Master; V.: W.: George Johnson, San Francisco, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. Davies, San Francisco, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

CANADA, 1897.

The forty-second annual communication was held at Brantford, July 21st and 22d, M.: W.: William Gibson, Grand Master. Two hundred and fifty-five lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-seven on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, our representative included.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership twen-

ty-three thousand, three hundred, and ninety-eight; gain forty-seven. Receipts \$20,828.82.

Bro. J. J. Mason, grand secretary, was in England at the head of a rifle team, his first absence from grand lodge in twenty-eight years.

Amendments to the constitution regarding elections were adopted; the special committee on masonic home reported progress and was continued; and the rank of past grand master was voted to Bro. Kivas Tully for long and faithful services.

Bro. Henry Robertson presented a brief report on foreign correspondence, with a page and a half devoted to Minnesota.

M.: W.: William Gibson, Beamsville, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, committee on foreign correspondence.

1898.

The forty-third annual communication was held at Toronto, July 20th and 21st, M.: W.: William Gibson, Grand Master. Two hundred and ninety-seven lodges represented; three hundred and sixty on the roll. Eight past grand masters present, including our representative.

One dispensation for a new lodge; one charter surrendered. Membership twenty-three thousand, nine hundred, and ninety-one; gain five hundred and ninety-eight. Receipts \$19,798.82.

An invasion of territory was made by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, who presented a handsome gavel as a souvenir of their visit.

The death of Bro. Daniel Spry, past grand master, was announced.

The grand master was authorized to remove the disabilities of former members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario living without the jurisdiction, upon proper application; the special committee on masonic home re-

ported a lack of sufficient interest to warrant any further efforts in that direction for the present; and a suitable testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master.

The usual report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Henry Robertson, Minnesota briefly noticed.

M.: W.: E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. J. Mason, Hamilton, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, committee on foreign correspondence.

COLORADO, 1898.

The thirty-eighth annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 20th and 21st, M.: W.: Cromwell Tucker, Grand Master. Eighty-nine lodges represented; ninety-one on the roll. Nineteen past grand masters present, our representative heading the list.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership seven thousand, six hundred, and five; gain two hundred and seventy-one. Receipts \$8,843.67.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with Texas; a special committee was appointed to visit Bro. A. A. Treat, aged one hundred and one years; a very interesting oration was delivered by Bro. Leopold Freudenthal, grand orator; the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; the request of a subordinate lodge for the issuance of sixty life memberships, at \$100 each, to cancel existing indebtedness, was denied, the practice being held detrimental; a brief address was delivered by Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell, past grand master; an appropriation of \$250 was made to erect a monument for Bro. J. M. Chivington, their first grand master; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, a very readable paper, from which the following extracts are made under the head of Minnesota:

Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator, delivered a very able and interesting address.

Master. Twenty-one lodges on the roll. Nine past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership two thousand, one hundred, and seventy-six; gain fifty. Receipts \$1,266.65.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

An appropriation of \$25 was made to the Washington memorial fund; a prohibition amendment to the by-laws was lost, not having received a two-thirds majority; the annual banquet was duly served and enjoyed; the Maine proposition and a resolution of acceptance were laid on the table; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

A brief report on correspondence was submitted as usual by Bro. L. H. Jackson, from which we quote:

A very interesting oration was delivered by Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator.

Bro. Irving Todd presented the report on correspondence, an excellent and interesting compend of grand lodge proceedings. Delaware for 1897 is included in his review, in which he briefly notes points of interest.

M.: W.: J. H. Rile, Grand Master; R.: W.: B. F. Bart-ram re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro L. H. Jackson chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1897.

The eighty-seventh annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 10th, M.: W.: Matthew Trimble, Grand Master. Twenty-two lodges represented; twenty-five on the roll. Twelve past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership five thousand, five hundred, and forty-four; gain twenty-five. Receipts \$4,167.90.

Ten special dispensations were reported to confer degrees out of time. One of the candidates thus railroaded through was suspended four months later for false statements in his application.

Amendments to the constitution were adopted limiting jurisdiction over rejected candidates to five years, and giving an objection the same effect as a black ball if not withdrawn within six months; the proposed reprint was ordered extended to 1860; their representative near the Grand Lodge of Peru tendered his resignation owing to the reprehensible practices of that body; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. W. R. Singleton presented his usual report on foreign correspondence, which is somewhat abbreviated by reason of illness. Fraternal mention is made of Minnesota.

Mexican masonry is summed up in the following pertinent paragraph:

It has been the settled principle with nearly all of the grand lodges in the United States that they will remain as independent bodies, and have several times refused to enter into a league or union by any other name, whereby a general grand body of all the grand lodges should become the supreme governing body of the rite. How then can any one of such grand lodges recognize and enter into official relations with the Gran Dieta of Mexico, which accomplishes the very purpose for that country which they declined doing in our own?

The following reminiscence is given under the head of Kentucky:

No. 13 is now No. 1 at San Francisco. The worshipful master and other officers went from here to California. They were installed by our grand master in grand lodge before they went.

Under South Carolina he refers to changes being made in regalia:

The use of ribbons and pins or other fastenings by which the jewel is suspended from the breast of the coat is taken from the knightly orders and very modern in their use. It is very evident to us that freemasonry is fast losing its symbolism and every part of our ritual is taking the form of realism.

M.: W.: S. C. Palmer, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. R. Singleton reelected Grand Secretary; both of Washington.

FLORIDA, 1898.

The sixty-ninth annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 18th, 19th, and 20th, M.: W.: J. M. Hilliard, Grand Master. One hundred and forty-one lodges represented; one hundred and fifty-two on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present, our representative included.

Two dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered and one forfeited. Membership four thousand, three hundred, and seventeen; loss seventy-six. Receipts \$5,972.01.

The portrait is that of the late Bro. D. C. Dawkins, past grand master and past grand secretary.

A biography of Bro. A. J. Russell, past grand master, was presented by his widow; a reduction of \$2,100 in the bonded indebtedness was reported by the board of trustees; a good oration was delivered by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator; the district meetings held throughout the state during the past year were commended by a special committee; the qualifications of a person engaged in the liquor traffic were left with the subordinate lodges; the minutes of all communications were required to be read for correction and approval before its close, and for final adoption at the next regular communication; a safe was ordered for the grand secretary's office; a collection of \$49.04 was taken towards a monument for Bro. D. C. Dawkins; a jewel was presented to Bro. J. W. Boyd, past grand master; and the past master's degree was conferred upon thirty-five.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: J. M. Hilliard, Pensacola, Grand Master, and R.: W.: W. P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary, were reelected.

GEORGIA, 1898.

The one hundred and twelfth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 25th, 26th, and 27th, M.: W.: J.

W. Taylor, Grand Master. Four hundred and six lodges represented; four hundred and twenty on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership eighteen thousand, six hundred, and eleven; gain four hundred and twenty-eight. Receipts \$18,355.70.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The death of Bro. W. A. Love, past deputy grand master, was announced. He was well known to many brethren of this jurisdiction.

The following paragraph is taken from the annual address:

I have been called upon for dispensation to establish army lodges for the convenience of our soldiers who are away from home and deprived of the privileges enjoyed by visiting lodges, and enjoying fraternal and social intercourse with each other, secluded from the prying eyes of the profane. This request I refused for prudential reasons, having had some experience with military lodges, and finding it impossible to govern and keep them in due bounds. I notified all parties concerned that I would grant dispensation to any lodge to confer the degree out of time on any worthy volunteer.

In reply to an enquiry, he intimated that a request to establish a military lodge in that jurisdiction holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Vermont would be favorably considered.

The grand master reported an edict suspending masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru, and the subsequent removal of all objectionable features by that grand body; that after a careful and thorough investigation by Bro. J. L. Brown he had recognized the Gran Dieta of Mexico and recommended the aforesaid brother as its representative near the Grand Lodge of Georgia; and correspondence with the Grand Orient of Italy and the Grand Orient of Belgium with a view to recognition.

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The customary stump speech was offered up by the grand chaplain and duly spread upon the minutes; the alleged attack of The American Tyler upon the grand

master for his action with regard to Mexican masonry was regarded as unjust and unwarranted; the special committee reported that \$744.50 had been collected and expended for a monument to the late grand secretary; memorial services were held for Bro. W. A. Love, with appropriate eulogies; a visit was paid to the tomb of Bro. A. M. Wolihin; in order to lessen expenses the mileage was reduced one-half, five cents per mile each way, and the size of the committees greatly curtailed, only the chairman to be a permanent member; the per diem, however, was raised from \$3 to \$4, and the clause limiting a representative to the amount actually paid in by his lodge was repealed; the salary of the grand secretary was fixed at \$1,300 per annum; a number of members of subordinate lodges were expelled for non-payment of dues; friendly relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru; the grand master's recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico was approved; sympathy was expressed for the Grand Orient of Italy in its controversy with the Grand Orient of France; the Grand Orient of Portugal was not recognized; fraternal intercourse was established with the Grand Orient of Belgium; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; the life office of honorary district deputy was conferred upon a worthy brother not present by reason of illness; and a committee was appointed to answer a communication of Bro. S. D. Irvin, their senior grand master, dated from a sick room.

Bro. W. S. Ramsay prepared his accustomed report on foreign correspondence under the disadvantage of ill health and pressing engagements, but it is an interesting paper notwithstanding. Of our masonic insurance resolution he says:

If such action is in accordance with masonic usage we have studied the principles for thirty years in vain. The neophyte is assured upon the threshold there is nothing in the O. B. that will interfere with the duties of * * * or himself. How the action of this individual can be thus prescribed is a mystery to us, if we understand the term freemasonry.

The following complimentary allusions are noted:

Grand Orator R. C. Hine delivered a splendid oration on Masonry of To-Day, well worth perusal for the information it imparts.

We have been struck with the easy and simple manner in which this jurisdiction managed its entire business, and the evident signs of prosperity. We commend its management to other jurisdictions, securing thereby peace, prosperity, and fraternal love.

Worshipful Irving Todd furnishes a good report on correspondence. It is not lengthy, but is full of interest. He reviewed fifty-nine grand bodies, Georgia for 1896 among the number.

If Bro. Ramsey had looked a little further he would also have found Georgia for 1897.

M.: W.: W. A. Davis, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. A. Wolihin reflected Grand Secretary; both of Macon; Bro. W. S. Ramsay, Dublin, committee on foreign correspondence.

IDAHO, 1898.

The thirty-first annual communication was held at Boise, Sept. 13th, 14th, and 15th, R.: W.: G. H. Storer, acting Grand Master. Twenty-one lodges represented; twenty-nine on the roll. Six past grand masters present. Our representative absent.

Membership twelve hundred and forty; gain sixty-five. Receipts \$3,669.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect.

The deaths of Bro. C. C. Stevenson, grand secretary, and Bro. I. S. Weiler, past grand master, were announced. The former was well known in masonic circles as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, and his untimely loss is sincerely mourned.

The grand master had left the jurisdiction, and the deputy grand master was stricken with paralysis, leaving the senior grand warden at the head of affairs, where he was retained for another year.

The following was among the approved decisions:

4. Can we rent our lodge room to the Christian Science Church for Feb. 21st for the purpose of holding Sunday school anniversary exercises, and can we rent our ante-room to the above church from eleven a. m. to twelve m. Sundays? I know of no regulation that would prevent you from allowing the church you mention from using your lodge room, if the lodge allows them to do so. This I consider to be a matter of choice with the lodge. There are two general principles which govern the case, viz., to only rent to charitable institutions, and that the masonic lodge should have absolute control of the lodge room at any and all times.

The constitutional amendments providing for a grand lecturer were reported as adopted by more than two-thirds of the lodges; the penal code was amended in relation to suspensions for non-payment of dues; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the grand lodges of Wyoming and Montana; a reception and banquet was tendered by the local brethren; the price of the annual proceedings was fixed at seventy-five cents; an appropriation of one cent per member was made towards the Washington memorial, and the invitation accepted; \$100 was appropriated for an expert to examine the grand lodge books and accounts; the district deputy system was inaugurated, at the expense of the subordinate lodges; the per diem and mileage was directed to be divided equally among the representatives of a lodge in attendance; and the signet ring was turned over to the grand master elect.

Bro. F. G. Mock prepared a very creditable first report on foreign correspondence, with a fraternal review of Minnesota.

M.: W.: G. H. Storer, Idaho Falls, Grand Master; R.: W.: T. W. Randall, Boise, Grand Secretary; Bro. F. G. Mock, Nampa, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

ILLINOIS, 1898.

The fifty-ninth annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 4th, 5th, and 6th, M.: W.: Edward Cook, Grand Master. Seven hundred and two lodges represented; seven

hundred and twenty on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; three charters arrested. Membership fifty-four thousand and eighty; gain six hundred and twenty-eight. Receipts \$40,849.25.

The oration was delivered by Bro. J. C. Smith, grand orator; Bro. J. W. Stone, Grand Master of Mississippi, was welcomed as a visitor; an amendment to the by-laws was adopted requiring the payment of annual dues as a masonic duty, and prohibiting any form of life membership; the by-laws were amended so as to permit the payment of per diem and mileage to permanent members of the grand lodge; the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized; recognition of the German Grand Lodge League was withdrawn; and the special committee of past grand masters reported their visitation to Bro. D. C. Cregier, past grand master, detained at home by illness.

Bro. Joseph Robbins presented his special report upon recognized, recognizable, and other governing bodies as follows:

In submitting the following lists we have had reference to the originally lawful character of the bodies named, and also to the question whether they have since set up any conditions or distinctions as tests of admission thereto not recognized by the charges of a freemason, and which would consequently prevent the masons of Illinois from meeting them upon the level of a perfect equality, whether in the governing or constituent lodges.

Recognized Grand Lodges: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, Cuba, Delaware, District of Columbia, England, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Indian Territory, Iowa, Ireland, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Manitoba, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New South Wales, New York, New Zealand, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Rhode Island, Scotland, South Australia, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Victoria, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

To this list should be added Tasmania, the conditions having long been ripe for the recognition of that grand lodge. Recognition

has only waited upon their formal request therefor, and is herewith recommended.

The English district grand lodges and the Scotch and Irish provincial grand lodges existing in the British colonies, or other open territory, are included in the recognition of the parent bodies.

Grand Lodges known to have originally derived their masonry wholly or in part from lawful sources, and which in the present state of our knowledge it is deemed expedient neither to accept nor reject as lawful members of the masonic body: The three Prussian grand lodges, the three Globes, the Grand National Lodge of Germany, and the Royal York of Friendship, at Berlin; and the Grand Lodges of Concord (Zur Eintracht), at Darmstadt; Eclectic Union, Frankfurt; Saxony, Dresden; the Sun (Zur Sonne), Bayreuth; the Netherlands, the Hague; National, of Egypt, Cairo. Also the lodges composing The Free Association of Five Independent Lodges in Germany, viz.: Minerva, of the Three Palms, and Baldwin, of the Linden, both at Leipsig; Archimedes of the Three Tracing Boards, Altenburg; Carl of the Wreath of Rue, Hildburghausen; Archimedes of the Eternal Union, Gera.

The following bodies are deemed to be without authority in symbolic or craft masonry, and the members of their obedience ineligible to visit lodges in Illinois: Grand Lodge of Alpina, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Grand Orient of Argentine Republic, Buenos Ayres; Grand Orient of Belgium, Brussels; Grand Orient of Brazil, Rio Janeiro; Grand Orient of Chili, Valparaiso; National Grand Lodge of Denmark, Copenhagen; Grand Orient of France, Paris (*interdict*); Grand Orient of Greece, Athens; Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary, Budapest; Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Hamburg (*interdict*); Grand Orient of Italy, Rome; Grand Lodge of Luxembourg; Grand Symbolic Diet of Mexico, its constituent grand lodges and all other grand lodges in that country; Grand Lodge of Norway, Christiana; United Grand Orient of Lusitania (Portugal), Lisbon; Grand Lodge of Peru, Lima; Independent Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic, San Domingo; Grand Orient of Spain, Madrid; Grand Lodge of Spain, Cadiz; Grand Lodge of Sweden, Stockholm; Grand Orient of Uruguay, Montevideo; Grand Orient of Venezuela, Caracas; *and all supreme councils, or sovereign sanctuaries, or other powers however named, wherever situated, of whatever rite—excepting grand lodges of free and accepted masons—assuming to erect lodges with authority to confer the degrees of symbolic masonry.*

This report, prepared with evident care and discrimination, will undoubtedly provoke considerable criticism in jurisdictions which have acknowledged the legitimacy of master masons under the obedience of supreme councils where-

ever the ancient and accepted is the dominant rite. Bro. Robbins places these in his interdicted list, but as he only asked the adoption of two appended resolutions relating to Tasmania and the German Grand Lodge League, and not the report itself, the masons of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Illinois seem free to act upon their individual responsibility as heretofore.

Our esteemed brother will most likely be asked why he included the Grand National Lodge of Germany, the National of Egypt, and the independent lodges of Germany among the quasi regular grand lodges, and excluded the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and the Grand Lodge of Peru. As none of the bodies in the two lists are seeking recognition from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, it is not necessary to devote further time or space to this interesting subject.

At the earnest solicitation of the grand master Bro. Robbins presented his report on correspondence in a topical form, in which he does not feel exactly at home. Of Minnesota he says:

Bro. Irving Todd, who reverses the natural order of things by doing his winnowing first and his threshing afterwards, thus making a brief report that is yet full of interest, compresses his notice of our proceedings for 1897 into a page and a half.

Bro. Robbins is "firmly convinced that it was an evil day that saw the first departure from the simple masonry of the three degrees, by whatever route," and many of us heartily agree with him; the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington upon negro masonry is commended as a happy solution of the difficulty so far as that jurisdiction is concerned; using masonry for business purposes is vigorously condemned; the futility of preventing non-affiliation by compulsion is clearly shown; the settlement of the cremation question is not regarded as within the province of masonic governing bodies; the order of Eastern Star is regarded as having come to stay; our proposition of two years ago, that the only practicable method of dealing with rejected material is in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction where the rejection actually occurred, is in-

dorsed; and the action of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in dealing with the grand master's prerogative of making masons at sight is defined as creating something out of nothing.

M. : W. : Edward Cook, Chicago, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on correspondence.

INDIANA, 1898.

The seventy-seventh annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 24th and 25th, M. : W. : M. J. Niblack, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty lodges represented; four hundred and eighty-nine on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter revoked. Membership twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred, and fifty-four; gain five hundred and fifty-seven. Receipts \$17,358.10.

The portraits are of the grand master, two past grand masters, and an eminent brother, with a cut of the Masonic Temple at Indianapolis.

The deaths of Bros. A. J. Hay and A. C. Downey, past grand masters, were announced.

The grand secretary reported that the remains of Bro. Alexander Buckner, their first grand master, had been reburied in the cemetery at Cape Girardeau, Mo., with masonic ceremonies, and a suitably inscribed monument placed at the head of the grave. The addresses are given in the appendices.

The history prepared by Bro. Daniel McDonald was accepted and ordered printed, with an appropriation of \$700 to the author; the action of the grand secretary in displaying the flag of our country over the temple was fully confirmed and approved by a special committee; all masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of Peru was prohibited until further order; the committee on jurisprudence held that the degrees could not be conferred upon a man who had lost two fingers of his right hand at the third

joint; and a resolution of sympathy was extended to the grand treasurer in the recent loss of a sister.

Bro. N. R. Ruckle submitted his second report on correspondence, with three pages devoted to a review of Minnesota.

Under the head of Idaho he says:

We are not in sympathy with the legislation to punish non-affiliation as a masonic crime. When for any reason a mason ceases to find anything in masonry which appeals to his better manhood, or his social feelings, or finds that masonic intercourse or masonic charity is a burden to him, let him set himself off to himself in peace. He practically renounces in every jurisdiction his right of visitation, to charity, to burial, to all association with masonry as an organization, retaining only the privilege of saying, "I am a mason." He cannot release himself from the ties of the institution. Can we absolve him? We believe in voluntary membership; in making affiliation possible without delay and without expense, and without compulsion.

M.: W.: S. S. Johnson, Jeffersonville, Grand Master;
R.: W.: W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. N. R. Ruckle, Indianapolis, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1898.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Vinita, Aug. 9th and 10th, M.: W.: J. A. Scott, Grand Master. Eighty-one lodges represented; eighty-eight on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, our representative among the number.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one dispensation discontinued. Membership three thousand, four hundred, and fifty; gain three hundred and forty-three. Receipts \$4,429.

Nineteen decisions were reported, none of more than local interest.

The grand secretary stated that the hall of one of their lodges had been struck by a cyclone while it was in ses-

sion, many of the members being seriously injured. The candidate for the third degree was effectually raised, though not in strict accordance with the authorized work.

An offering of \$56.50 was laid upon the altar for Bro. W. M. Simms, grand tyler, one of the Rough Riders, who was severely wounded at Santiago and being cared for in a New York hospital; an interesting address upon the laying of the corner stone was delivered by Bro. H. M. Furman, grand orator; a banquet was tendered the first evening by the local lodge; the committee on education reported that returns from thirteen lodges showed that forty-nine orphans were under their care, and recommended a standing appropriation for a masonic home fund; the per diem for disseminating the work was reduced to \$2.50 and expenses, the lodges to pay the other \$2.50; the annual appropriation to the home fund was fixed at ten per cent of the gross receipts; a memorial tribute was paid to Bros. A. K. Capron and W. C. Cox, Rough Riders killed at Santiago; the previous action permitting petitioners who cannot read or write to affix a mark to their applications was affirmed; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: H. C. Nash, Antlers, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Murrow, Atoka, reelected Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1898.

The fifty-fifth annual communication was held at Council Bluffs, June 7th, 8th, and 9th, M.: W.: A. R. Dewey, Grand Master. Four hundred and sixty-six lodges represented; four hundred and seventy-nine on the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership twenty-seven thousand, nine hundred, and seven; gain four hundred and five. Receipts \$24,043.24.

The deaths of Bros. Z. C. Luse, R. G. Phelps, and W. P. Allen, past grand masters, were announced.

An edict terminating fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru was reported. This was set aside by a subsequent edict dated Sept. 9th.

The report of the grand librarian shows the usual accessions to its various departments, with every corner of their fine building crowded to overflowing. Unless the weeding out process is commenced more room must be had at once. In this connection it may be noted that the publication of a Quarterly Bulletin was begun last January, of much interest to bibliographers.

The subordinate lodges were permitted to grant the use of their halls to chapters of the Eastern Star; an entertainment was given at a church the first evening by a local committee; the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to participate in the Washington memorial services was accepted, with a recommendation that the subordinate lodges observe Dec. 14th, 1899, with appropriate ceremonies; an official visitation was received from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; the special committee on lodge dues recommended a voluntary increase to provide funds for charity; the lodge dues of members in the army and navy were ordered remitted during their term of service; several amendments to the code were adopted, with reference to dimits, conferring of degrees by other lodges, and the board of custodians; the constitution was amended defining the right of affiliation; and the trustees of the library were authorized to prepare plans for an addition to the building.

The report on correspondence was again submitted by Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, the sixth of an uniformly interesting series. He calls it fraternal, but the pay roll says foreign, and it is certainly worth the \$200 compensation. We quote:

The oration of Bro. R. C. Hine is plain, practical, sensible; nothing "hifalutin" in it, and but little of theoretical history. The brother was hindered from attendance on grand lodge, but his oration is given an honored place.

Bro. Irving Todd is the correspondent, and ninety-six pages are enriched by his skilled labor. Iowa (1897) is given two and one-half pages.

Our own report is styled "a very interesting and readable document." Thanks. You did read it, then?

Most assuredly, Bro. Coxe. In fact we read all of the reports, annual addresses, etc., etc., and even some of the orations. Our plan of reviewing is to first go through the pamphlet of proceedings carefully to see what's coming, and then start in with the writeup. It probably takes a little longer, but the result is more satisfactory, and a great saving of space.

The conclusion is a dispassionate summing up of Mexican masonry, in opposition to the hasty action of his own grand lodge. The facts thus presented are not now disputed by leading apologists of the Gran Dieta, and his views upon the subject are so nearly in accord with our own of last year that it is unnecessary to reproduce them.

M. W. Crom. Bowen, Des Moines, Grand Master; R. W. T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, committee on correspondence.

KANSAS, 1898.

The forty-second annual communication was held at Wichita, Feb. 16th and 17th, M. W. W. M. Shaver, Grand Master. Two hundred and ninety-four lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-three on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership nineteen thousand, eight hundred, and eighty-eight; gain two hundred and nine. Receipts \$11,109.78.

The following were among the approved decisions:

4. The grand master possesses no prerogative to grant special dispensations for conferring the degrees of ancient craft masonry upon candidates not having the requisite qualifications.

12. A brother possesses the right of objection to the reception of a petition for the mysteries of masonry, or for advancement, or for membership, or to the conferring of a degree upon an accepted candidate, only in the lodge of which he is a member; he does not possess this right in another lodge having concurrent territorial jurisdiction with his own lodge.

In the case of a citizen of Kansas, who claimed to have been made a mason during a visit in Scotland, the grand master required documentary evidence from the foreign body prior to admission as a visitor. This is upon the mistaken idea that all work done in a regular lodge is necessarily regular. The proper method of checking the evil is to declare such individuals irregularly made masons and treat them accordingly.

A scholarly oration was delivered by Bro. W. F. Kuhn, their representative near the Grand Lodge of Missouri; the code of laws prepared by the late Bro. C. A. Bassett and revised by a special committee was adopted and printed as an appendix; the third degree was conferred by the grand officers for the first time in the history of the grand lodge; the committee on necrology presented its report, introducing therewith memorial services for the departed craftsmen; charters were granted to three of the four lodges under dispensation; the reports of the masonic home showed thirty-three inmates and an expense account of \$6,348.76; a special assessment of fifteen cents per capita was ordered for the benefit of the home; a standing regulation was adopted presenting the apron worn by the retiring grand master to him as a souvenir; the recommendation for the permanent location of the grand lodge at Topeka was not concurred in; and the committee on jurisprudence reported against incorporation.

Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite submitted his first report on foreign correspondence, a carefully prepared paper, from which the following extracts are taken:

M. W. J. F. Lawless, grand master, whose picture serves as a handsome frontispiece to the proceedings.

The grand master's report indicates a busy year, and that he was "equal to the task."

The oration of Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator, is replete with excellent thoughts and earnest admonitions which cannot fail to inspire our brethren to a higher standard of masonry.

The report on correspondence, covering eighty-five pages, is a concise review of the proceedings of the various grand lodges by Bro. Irving Todd.

These historical addresses (Masonic Veteran Association) will be valuable reminiscences of the early days of masonry in that grand jurisdiction.

M.: W.: M. L. Stone, Wamego, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. K. Wilson, Topeka, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite, Jewell City, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1898.

The ninety-ninth annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 18th, 19th, and 20th, M.: W.: R. H. Thompson, Grand Master. Four hundred and fifty lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-four on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present.

Six dispensations for new lodges, one of them being in the army; one charter restored, two surrendered, and four arrested; one consolidation. Membership, eighteen thousand, four hundred, and two; loss sixty-two. Receipts \$18,156.95.

The portrait is that of the grand master; there is also a group of the inmates of the home.

The death of Bro. J. M. Todd, past grand secretary, was announced.

Under the head of Negro Masonry the grand master devoted five pages of the address to a review of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in recognizing the legitimacy of lodges tracing their origin from Prince Hall Lodge No. 459, announcing that he had previously appointed a special committee of three past grand masters to carefully consider the matter. This committee submitted an elaborate report, which was unanimously adopted. The following is the concluding paragraph:

We have no quarrel with the negro, and certainly seek none with the Grand Lodge of Washington. We have no wish to curtail its privileges or infringe upon its rights. It can select its own associates, and we shall select ours. It has proclaimed as fact, what is

controverted by history. It has announced a principle whose acceptance means death to American masonry. It has contemptuously set aside the doctrine of jurisdiction upon which our system is founded, and this it has done at the mere request of two irresponsible negroes, and upon what seems to have been an agreed case. It has scoffed at the conclusions of a century; it has reopened a question settled wisely and justly, long ago, even when the passions of our civil war were not abated. It has been forgetful of its own dignity, reckless of its own honor, and zealous to disturb the harmony of the craft. We approve the utterances of the grand master upon this subject, and agree with him that this grand lodge should speak with no uncertain sound.

We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That in view of the action in regard to negro masonry, taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington, Free and Accepted Masons, at its last communication, this grand lodge hereby declares non-intercourse between its subordinates and members and the said Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and members.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the grand lodges of Missouri and Ohio; the children of the home were presented to the grand lodge, which was called off for that purpose; the committee on old masons' home and infirmary reported conditional subscriptions of \$41,105; a subscription of \$1,000 per year for ten years was made to the centennial fund, and the \$750 already collected was turned over towards the first payment; a vote of thanks was tendered to the officers of the home for their successful management of that institution, without remuneration; constitutional amendments for the winding up of defunct lodges and fining lodges \$5 for delinquency in making their reports were adopted; a committee was appointed to solicit funds for a more decent interment of the remains of Bro. G. C. Breckinridge, past grand master, and place a memorial tablet at his grave; the use of masonic emblems or the term masonic in private business was declared a masonic offense; a gavel was presented to the retiring grand master; and a voluntary collection of \$52.86 was taken to give the children of the home a treat.

Bro. W. W. Clarke presented his report on foreign correspondence in topical form, an easy manner of filling up one hundred and fifty pages provided the pamphlets can be

marked and sent direct to the printer. The old style is preferable in our way of thinking.

The guild generally will heartily welcome Bro. J. W. Staton back to the circle, after an absence of six years.

M.: W.: J. E. Wilhelm, Paducah, Grand Master; R.: W.: H. B. Grant, Louisville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Staton, Brooksville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1898.

The eighty-sixth annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 14th, 15th, and 16th, M.: W.: A. G. Brice, Grand Master. Ninety-three lodges represented; one hundred and thirty on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership five thousand, eight hundred, and forty-five; gain four hundred and eighty-two. Receipts \$31,879.95.

The death of Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, past grand master and our representative, was announced. He was one of the old guard, and the best known mason in that jurisdiction.

The directors of the Masonic Temple reported that the tax case has been decided adversely in the supreme court of the United States, necessitating the payment of \$13,810.33 in settlement thereof, penalty and interest having been remitted by the state and city authorities. Under the present assessment the annual tax will amount to \$1,800. In order to meet the prospective deficiency the tax for each degree was raised to \$2, and the salary of the grand lecturer reduced to \$1,200, the grand tyler to \$25, and the grand organist and grand chaplain to \$10 each.

The Louisiana Relief Lodge reported disbursements of \$1,130.10; the collection for the education of Miss Willie Ashcroft was reported at \$580; the report of the committee on foreign correspondence was ordered to be omitted the ensuing year for financial reasons; the preparation of the new monitor was deferred until a more propitious season; the edict of the grand master severing fraternal rela-

tions with the Grand Lodge of Peru was sustained and perpetuated; the donation of \$2,700 in bonds from the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was accepted with thanks; the naming of any lodge after a living mason was prohibited; and the employes of the temple were restricted to masons and masons' sons, all things being equal.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, owing to the death of the chairman of the committee.

M.: W.: A. C. Allen, Franklin, Grand Master; R.: W.: Richard Lambert, New Orleans, reflected Grand Secretary; Bro. H. C. Duncan, Alexandria, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MAINE, 1898.

The seventy-ninth annual communication was held at Portland, May 3d, 4th, and 5th, M.: W.: J. A. Locke, Grand Master. One hundred and seventy-seven lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-two on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty-two thousand, one hundred, and ninety-one; gain one hundred and six. Receipts \$7,307.52.

The following were among the decisions reported:

A lodge has no authority to appropriate its charity fund for any other purpose than that for which it was designated. If a lodge wishes to grant aid to any other lodge in building or repairing its hall it can do so from its general income, if it has any.

Should the dues of a deceased brother be paid from his estate, if sufficient to do so? Yes. It is a just and legal claim, but one that ought never to be enforced by law. The estate may be sufficient to pay the dues, but the circumstances of the family such that they ought to receive the full benefit of what estate is left.

It is not permissible for officers of a lodge to wear robes.

The second decision has a distinctive New England flavor. With us the death of a brother balances his account on the lodge ledger.

The lodges were recommended to bear the expenses of one of the first three officers at the district convention nearest their location; three charters were granted; the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to attend the Washington memorial service was accepted; the applications of the Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Orient of Portugal for recognition were laid over a year; the edict against the Grand Lodge of Peru was approved and made permanent; the course of their representative near that grand body was approved, and he was requested to continue in that position; the per capita tax was fixed by a constitutional amendment at twenty cents, with \$2 for every initiation, with no dues to be remitted except by petition of the lodge and action thereon by a committee of the grand lodge; another amendment was also adopted permitting a lodge to recommend the application of a rejected candidate living in its jurisdiction, at the expiration of five years, to another lodge unless there are more than three negative ballots; the general regulation imposing a five cent additional per capita was repealed; and a standing regulation was adopted providing that the grand lodge shall go into executive session during an election of officers, with none but members present without the consent of the grand master in each case.

The report on foreign correspondence was the handiwork of Bro. J. H. Drummond, as a matter of course. From his fraternal review of Minnesota the following paragraphs are taken:

The oration by Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator, is able, interesting, and instructive. We do not agree with him in some of his views, but we heartily endorse his conclusion, only adding, as one of the dangers, carelessness in the admission of candidates.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Irving Todd. He gives a condensed abstract of the proceedings reviewed.

We last year attributed his report to Bro. Montgomery, and he says correctly that we probably had the grand chapter in mind. This is not the first instance in which we have "mixed those babies up." Luckily for us, however, the character of Bro. Todd's report was such that Bro. Montgomery evidently did not feel hurt by our mistake.

Bro. Drummond does not seem to appreciate the difference in status between an application from a candidate who has been previously rejected and an application from one who has not. We can assure him, however, that when an average committee of investigation finds this cloud upon the title some reliable evidence is required to remove it. Of course the inquiry is prosecuted strictly upon masonic lines.

Toltec Lodge, in the City of Mexico, was lawfully constituted by the Grand Lodge of Missouri; it surrendered its charter and applied to the Gran Dieta for another because it was ordered so to do. Any one who recognizes the Grand Lodge of Missouri need have no fears in visiting its legitimate offspring. Neither does such visitation imply a recognition of Mexican masonry, in the usual acceptation of the term.

While admitting that the term order has been long and frequently employed by masonic writers in referring to the fraternity, and that it is a favorite expression with grand masters and grand orators in rounding up their grandiloquent periods, yet we deny that this careless or ignorant usage has created any new definition of a word that is manifestly improper and ought never to have been so applied. We would just as soon write pretty for quite or rather, a still more common error.

Under the head of Arkansas a bit of information is given, which will be somewhat new to the brethren of the south and west:

We find that in his section the wardens, as well as the master, have gavels. This is new to us. It seems to take away all the force of a part of the installation service of the master. In "these parts," as long as our memory runs back, wardens have trunchions, but never a gavel, unless presiding in the east.

He doubts the impressiveness gained by the use of the stereoptican and robes, pertinently observing that "fire-works are splendid, but they teach nothing;" holds that the knocks in opening should begin in the east, in the nature of an order from the master, which is not in accordance

with general practice; that there is no masonic law or usage to prevent the members of a lodge from attending a funeral in a body, providing the lodge is not opened or the brethren clothed; that the term old fogy is the greatest compliment that can be applied to a mason; that the practice of refusing recognition to a person who has obtained the degrees abroad is right; that a man is made a mason by his obligation only when he is eligible to receive it and it is administered by lawful authority; that the publication of lodge transactions in a newspaper is a masonic offense; and that it is no use for a grand lodge to undertake the maintenance of a public library.

M.: W.: J. A. Locke, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. J. H. Drummond, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Portland.

MANITOBA, 1898.

The twenty-third annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 8th, 9th, and 10th, M.: W.: Thomas Robinson, Grand Master. Forty-five lodges represented; fifty-eight on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership two thousand, six hundred, and sixty-nine; gain twenty-six. Receipts \$2,567.41.

The following paragraph is taken from the annual address:

While therefore we point with pride to our progress, we always cherish with grateful remembrance the kind masonic fostering care which the Grand Lodge of Minnesota exercised in the introduction of masonic light into this western country, then known as "The Great Lone Land," and now the home of many thousands.

Among the decisions reported were the following:

1. An applicant for the degrees of masonry was not debarred from admission to the craft through having lost the second, third, and fourth fingers on his right hand.

3. It is not the business of a lodge to interfere in personal disputes between members unless, after careful consideration, it is quite clear that the welfare of the lodge and the craft in general demands investigation.

The librarian reported an accession of two hundred and thirty volumes and \$85 expended in periodicals, but "that the reading room does not grow in favor with the fraternity;" masonic relationship was severed with the Grand Lodge of Peru; the application of the Grand Lodge of Belgium for an exchange of representatives was deferred a year; a chain collar was presented to Bro. Corbett Locke, past grand master; a large number of amendments to the constitution were adopted; the proposed masonic home fund was voted down; a special committee was appointed to revise the constitution; and ten brethren were invested with the rank of past district grand masters.

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MARYLAND, 1897.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 11th, M.: W.: T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. One dispensation for a new lodge was reported, and charter granted. A jewel was presented to Bro. W. H. Shryock, past grand treasurer.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 16th and 17th, M.: W.: T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Ninety-nine lodges represented; one hundred and one on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Membership seven thousand, four hundred, and seventy-four; gain one hundred and sixty-four. Receipts \$16,818.47.

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was worthy and well qualified and could not conveniently obtain the degrees in the usual way it was probably all right. We do not question the prerogative; it is only a matter of taste.

Bro. C. H. Ohr, the veteran past grand master, aged eighty-seven years, was received with hearty congratulations; and Bro. J. M. Carter, past grand master, read his address delivered before the Masonic Veteran Association of the United States, which is printed in the proceedings.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, owing to the failing eyesight of the distinguished chairman of the committee, which, it is to be hoped, may not prove permanent. A resolution of sympathy to Bro. Schultz was extended in his great affliction.

M. W. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, and R. W. J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. E. T. Schultz, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Baltimore.

1898.

At the November session the committee on foreign correspondence presented a strong and vigorous protest against the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington upon negro masonry, and recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland hereby reaffirms its adherence to the doctrine of grand lodge territorial jurisdiction; that is to say, a grand lodge first organized in a state or territory has the supreme control over symbolic masonry and is the sole judge of what are or are not legitimate masonic organizations within its territorial limits.

Resolved, That this doctrine, having been acquiesced in by every American grand lodge, and the experience of a century having proven that it is a wise and wholesome doctrine, by which the grand lodges have been enabled to dwell together in peace and harmony, the Grand Lodge of Maryland views with regret and alarm the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in the abrogation and setting aside of this doctrine by the recognition of dual grand lodges in a large number of the jurisdictions of our country.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland fraternally, but most earnestly, trusts that the Grand Lodge of Washington will at its next annual communication reconsider said action, and thereby promote that peace and harmony which has ever characterized the family of American grand lodges.

Resolved, That a copy of this report, with the resolutions attached, be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Washington and to all grand lodges with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1897.

At the March quarterly the constitutional amendment limiting lodge jurisdiction over rejected candidates to five years was adopted, and an album was presented to Bro. E. B. Holmes, past grand master, containing the portraits of all the grand officers who had served with him during his administration.

At the June quarterly the grand master reported the suspension of the senior warden of a lodge for unmasonic conduct; memorials of Bro. Benjamin Dean and Bro. O. E. Weld, past grand masters, were read and spread upon the records, with portraits.

The annual communication was held at Boston, Dec. 8th, M.: W.: C. C. Hutchinson, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-five on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Membership thirty-eight thousand, four hundred, and sixteen; gain nine hundred and fifty-six. Receipts \$32,233.78.

The deaths of six permanent members during the year were announced; the board of directors reported a loan of \$400,000 at three and three-quarters per cent interest, and the letting of a contract for the new temple at \$386,853, without heating, lighting, or ventilation; and the grand charity fund was reported at \$119,894.63; the grand officers were installed on St. John's Day, with the annual feast.

Twelve special communications were held during the year, seven of which were centennial celebrations of subordinate lodges.

M.: W.: C. C. Hutchinson, Grand Master, and R.: W.: S. D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Boston.

MICHIGAN, 1898.

The fifty-fourth annual communication was held at Grand Rapids, Jan. 25th and 26th, M.: W.: Lou B. Winsor, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-one lodges represented; three hundred and eighty-two on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership thirty-nine thousand, five hundred, and seventy-six; gain nine hundred and eight. Receipts \$14,334.95.

The portraits are of the grand master, grand secretary, grand treasurer, and grand lecturer.

Twenty-five decisions were reported, none of them being of general interest.

The grand master reported that the first charter of Zion Lodge No. 1, dated April 27th, 1764, and issued by George Harrison, provincial grand master, had been received from the Grand Lodge of New York and duly presented to the lodge.

Further relations were severed with the Grand Lodge of Peru; the report of the masonic home shows twenty-seven inmates, maintained at a daily expense of fifty-eight and five-eighths cents each; a number of amendments to the general regulations were adopted, with a view to discourage non-affiliation; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master; subordinate lodges were prohibited from incorporating; campaigning for office in the grand lodge was disapproved of; and an appropriation of \$1,500 and an additional per capita of ten cents was voted to the masonic home.

The report on correspondence was presented by the grand secretary, who says:

Grand Secretary Montgomery is to be congratulated in having a new office in which to do his work.

The correspondence report occupies eighty-seven printed pages and is the work of Bro. Irving Todd, who has had this job for several years. Michigan for 1896 is fraternally reviewed.

M.: W.: James Bradley, Port Huron, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Conover, Coldwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1898.

The eightieth annual communication was held at Water Valley, Feb. 10th and 11th, M.: W.: J. S. Cobb, Grand Master. Two hundred and thirty-eight lodges represented; two hundred and seventy on the roll. Ten past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Nine dispensations for new lodges. Membership nine thousand and ten; loss one hundred. Receipts \$5,787.56.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

Bro. J. L. Power presented the following unique report of a duty performed under discouraging circumstances occasioned by yellow fever:

Your grand secretary was honored by the grand master with a commission to represent him at the laying of the corner stone of the new school building in West Jackson. An elaborate program of speeches, music, etc., had been arranged, and an elegant copper box had been packed with records of the city, state, and country generally; but on the day when all this was to take place, Sept. 14th, a large majority of the people of Jackson were leaving town, and they didn't stand on the order of their going. But as the stone was very handsome, from a Georgia quarry, and the inscription declared that it was laid on that day by Grand Master Cobb, I went out there, and, with the workmen and a few others as spectators, I laid the stone in the shortest form ever used on such an occasion. Some of the school patrons, after they got back, suggested that the ceremony still take place, but the stone was laid and it couldn't be any laider.

We can well imagine the grim humor with which the acting grand master announced that the workmen had done

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Bro. Irving Todd is still the writer of the report on correspondence. Since he declines the title, we will put him down as a private who does good and faithful work for the craft, both at home and abroad. We always have a hearty welcome for his proceedings, knowing them to be brimfull of good cheer. While his view of Mississippi is short, yet he gets in almost every important thing that we did.

In an addenda Bro. Barkley withdraws his implied criticisms of their law committee, pleading guilty to a thoughtless invasion of jurisdiction, but a careful re-reading of the paragraphs fails to disclose the necessity for an apology. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has placed its grand master in the anomalous position of a mere presiding officer, subordinate to one of its standing committees, and the acts of the latter may be very properly reviewed by a committee of equal rank and importance. If the grand lodge took any action in the premises it is not recorded in the printed proceedings.

M.: W.: J. M. Stone, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. L. Power reelected Grand Secretary; both of Jackson; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, foreign correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1898.

The seventy-eighth annual communication was held at St. Louis, Oct. 18th, 19th, and 20th, M.: W.: F. J. Tygard, Grand Master. Two hundred and eighty-six lodges represented; five hundred and fifty-five on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters and our representative present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested, three surrendered, and one consolidated. Membership thirty thousand, nine hundred, and eighty-nine, with twelve lodges not reporting; gain six hundred and ninety-nine. Receipts \$31,389.16.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The following were among the approved decisions:

In the case of a party seventy-one years old I held that, while he might not be barred by our law, yet I had serious doubts as to

ed he tarried long enough to vouchsafe from a personal acquaintance with the old to say that he would have laid that stone, time, if it was his last official act. The

ed grand secretary also deserves our kindest able, efficient, and untiring services. If he had think he would have gone into the thickest of l succor the sufferers.

nittee was appointed to receive proposition of the masonic home, and report next ere wired Bro. W. G. Paxton, past grand t on account of illness; the annual re-nmittee was ordered printed and mailed e of the session; a constitutional amend-d with reference to the grand secretary's authorized increase of \$200 ratified and rederic Speed's new digest was ordered ppropriation of \$250 for superintending : proposition to make past grand masters es, with per diem and mileage, was re-of the home were reported at \$19,266.84; was taken towards a monument for Bro. grand master; the proposed amendment capita tax for the home from twenty to ted; recognition of the Grand Lodge of n; the tendered scholarship in Hamil- accepted; an assessment of twenty-five or the home was ordered the current of sympathy was unanimously voted to gh, past grand master, in the loss of his a of Mexico was not recognized; a com-ed to confer with the Odd Fellows and relative to the building and maintenance her an unusual procedure; a resolution Henry Strauss, grand tyler, in the loss oted by a rising vote; the usual lengthy d by the committee on law and juris-

the propriety of his admission, and could not advise the lodge to accept his petition.

A grocery merchant who sells a preparation which intoxicates, and persists in doing so, is not amenable to the law as a saloon-keeper, but he may be held liable on charges of unmasonic conduct.

A petitioner failing to give satisfactory answers to the first question propounded after his admission to the lodge must be permitted to retire, and the fee returned to him.

The following were not approved:

A brother convicted of a criminal offense is not necessarily guilty of a masonic offense.

A brother holding a dimit without privilege, for one year or longer, cannot be present at his trial on charges of unmasonic conduct.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Grand Lodge of Ohio; an amendment to the by-laws was adopted allowing per diem and mileage to district deputy grand masters and district lecturers; the committee on permanent location of the grand lodge reported nothing done, and was discharged; the jurisprudence committee held that it was not a masonic offense to sign a petition for a liquor license; several amendments relating to membership and dimitts were adopted; an appropriation of \$150 was made towards a monument for Bro. J. W. S. Mitchell, past grand master, whose remains lie unmarked in a Georgia cemetery; the historical committee reported that the seventy-four portraits and biographies of past grand officers would make about two hundred pages and should be published in a separate volume, which report was adopted; and the committee on Mexican masonry was granted further time, owing to the absence of the chairman.

The grand secretary presented his usual report on correspondence, which is fully up to the high standard of that jurisdiction. Of Minnesota he fraternally writes:

The address presented by the grand master was a good, plain, practical business paper. * * * Taking the address of Grand

instead of three was laid on the table; charges were ordered to be preferred against any brother divulging lodge transactions; greetings were wired to the Grand Lodge of Idaho and the Grand Lodge of Wyoming; the trustees of the grand charity fund were authorized to incorporate; the salary of the grand secretary was increased from \$750 to \$1,000, a merited recognition of a faithful and hard-working officer; a resolution of sympathy was telegraphed the senior grand warden elect, detained at home by illness; a special committee was appointed upon revision and compilation of the constitution and by-laws; the signet ring was transmitted to the new ruler of the craft; and a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master.

Two pages were devoted to a roll of honor, consisting of the names of members of Montana lodges enlisted in the war with Spain.

The report on fraternal correspondence by the grand secretary is quite complimentary as usual. Among other things he says:

Our Minnesota brethren were in grand communication for the forty-fifth anniversary in January last, some five weeks since, and the printed volume of transactions lies before us. As the first received for the year 1898, we give it hearty welcome, and congratulate Bro. Montgomery on the fine appearance and interesting contents of his volume. Its timely appearance at this juncture, when, metaphorically speaking, our sleeves are rolled up for business, entitles it to immediate attention.

The grand master's address indicates a busy and vigorous administration, with proper prudence in the creation of new lodges. He only reports a single decision, and that does not commend itself to our judgment. When a brother seeks to affiliate in another grand jurisdiction than that in which he resides the case is open to suspicion, and the practice is not to be encouraged.

Grand Secretary Montgomery reports the completion of his grand register, containing over thirty-two thousand names, and which he thinks will compare favorably with the best in the world. Having personally inspected the work, we are fully prepared to endorse his opinion.

The committee on returns found great improvement in promptness and accuracy, as well as in the financial standing of the lodges. The lodge secretaries are beginning to understand that Bro. Mont-

gomery has an eye on them, and can detect any mistake, and so they are careful to avoid them.

Bro. Montgomery came back from a visit to his old home as grand representative of the grand lodges of Ireland and Scotland, honors well bestowed.

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The masonic veterans' department of the volume is this year especially rich, and we would like much if space were at command to distribute some of its riches.

The general rule seems to be that a non-affiliate is free to apply to the lodge of his own choice, and we fail to discover anything suspicious in the practice.

A lodge under dispensation is a temporary body; therefore the granting of a charter supersedes the warrant under which it had been acting. The new lodge cannot do business under the charter until it has been lawfully constituted; neither can it continue to do business under the dispensation which expired by its own limitation. Ordinarily there need be no greater delay than the usual time between regular meetings, still if the ceremony is deferred a few days longer no great hardship is necessarily involved.

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A lodge under dispensation is a temporary body; therefore the granting of a charter supersedes the warrant under which it had been acting. The new lodge cannot do business under the charter until it has been lawfully constituted; neither can it continue to do business under the dispensation which expired by its own limitation. Ordinarily there need be no greater delay than the usual time between regular meetings, still if the ceremony is deferred a few days longer no great hardship is necessarily involved.

M.: W.: C. W. Pomeroy, Kalispell, Grand Master; R.: W.: Cornelius Hedges, Helena, reelected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1898.

The forty-first annual communication was held at Omaha, June 15th, 16th, and 17th, M.: W.: J. B. Dinsmore, Grand Master. Two hundred and nineteen lodges represented; two hundred and twenty-nine on the roll. Twenty-two past grand masters present; our representative included.

One charter surrendered. Membership eleven thousand, seven hundred, and seventy-five; gain twelve. Receipts \$12,253.67.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The following decisions called out a majority and minority report from the committee on jurisprudence, further consideration being postponed until next year:

1. Is a man who is on a saloon petition a fit man to be made a mason? No.
2. Is it unmasonic for a man to sign a saloon petition? Yes.

Bro. R. C. Jordan, their veteran past grand master, received a most fraternal welcome; a number of the past and present grand officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa were present as visitors; the grand master reported the healing of the mason made at sight last year, which ends that farce of three acts; an appropriation of \$600 was made towards the expense of maintaining masonic headquarters at the exposition; an eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. C. H. Sloan, grand orator; the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; the ritual heretofore adopted was confirmed; a recommendation of the committee on by-laws of chartered lodges, that all failures to install officers should be reported to the grand master within thirty days of election, was adopted; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; it was resolved that no money be hereafter drawn from any fund except by regular warrant; the demands made upon two of their subordinate lodges for relief of

brethren in California was declared not enforceable; a query as to the prerogatives of the grand master under their constitution was referred to a special committee, to report at the next meeting; a special committee was appointed to submit some plan of perpetuating the memory of their first grand master; the time of holding the annual communication was changed to a week earlier; and cordial thanks were extended to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for their fraternal greeting of the previous year.

The usual note announcing the delay of the proceedings caused by the burning of the printing office is attached to the current volume. If Bro. Bowen should ever send his copy to our shop we would immediately telephone up street to increase our insurance forthwith to the limit.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: F. H. Young, Broken Bow, Grand Master;
R.: W.: W. R. Bowen, Omaha, reelected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1898.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at Carson City, June 14th and 15th, M.: W.: Albert Lackey, Grand Master. Seventeen lodges represented; twenty on the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership eight hundred and thirty-two; gain five. Receipts, \$1,356.50.

A decision that no lodge should have a public installation without permission from the grand master was not approved.

The committee on digest was granted further time; an entertainment was given the first evening by the local lodge and chapter; the Gran Dieta of Mexico and the Grand Orient of Belgium were recognized; the per capita tax of fifty cents was continued; and a short address upon the Beauties of Freemasonry, its Ends and Aims, was delivered by Bro. Trenmor Coffin, grand orator.

A brief report on foreign correspondence was forwarded by Bro. A. D. Bird, Minnesota not included.

M.: W.: Matthew Kyle, Virginia City, Grand Master; R.: W.: C. N. Noteware, Carson City, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. D. Bird, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1898.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at Concord, May 18th, M.: W.: H. A. Marsh, Grand Master. Fifty-eight lodges represented; seventy-seven on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

One new lodge chartered. Membership nine thousand, two hundred, and twenty-four; gain one hundred and thirteen. Receipts \$2,994.55.

The death of Bro. Andrew Bunton, past grand master, was announced, and his portrait is given as a frontispiece.

The invitation from the Grand Lodge of Virginia to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; a committee was appointed to take into consideration a proposed change in their mode of trial to a commission; similar to the Minnesota practice; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master; and the chain collar amendment to the constitution was adopted.

Bro. A. S. Wait presented his usual dignified and scholarly report on foreign correspondence, with the following complimentary allusions to Minnesota:

A very interesting address was delivered before the grand lodge by the grand orator, Bro. R. C. Hine, which is published with the proceedings. We recommend it to the perusal of the brethren.

Appended to the proceedings is an account of the sixth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, which was held at St. Paul on the evening next before the assembling of the grand lodge, when addresses were made by several brethren. One of these bears the caption, "A Tribute from New Hampshire in 1855." It is a brief address made by Bro. William Lee, past junior grand warden, who was formerly worshipful master of our King Solomon's Lodge, and who left New Hampshire in 1855 and settled

in the town of Hastings, Minn., where he took part in the formation and was the first master of Dakota Lodge No. 7, of that grand jurisdiction. It will give pleasure to New Hampshire masons thus to learn of the success and continuing usefulness in a distant state of his adoption of one of the members and leaders of the earlier masonry of our own jurisdiction. Should he fall in with this notice we trust he will by it be assured that all New Hampshire brethren rejoice to know of his still active and useful life.

The report on foreign correspondence is an able and interesting review of the proceedings of fifty-nine sister grand lodges, including New Hampshire for 1897, by Bro. Irving Todd. He summarizes the transactions with excellent judgment and elegant English, but seldom enters into discussions of mooted questions.

Bro. Wait is still inclined to the recognition of Mexican masonry, although he has not recommended formal action by his grand lodge.

M.: W.: John McLane, Milford, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. P. Cleaves, Concord, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1898.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 26th and 27th, M.: W.: G. W. Fortmeyer, Grand Master. One hundred and sixty-three lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-seven on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership sixteen thousand, five hundred, and forty-one; gain four hundred and thirty-three. Receipts \$10,906.99.

The portrait is that of the grand master, and there are also a number of cuts of the new masonic home.

The death of Bro. R. M. Moore, past grand master, whose acquaintance we made at the Masonic Congress, Chicago, in 1893, was announced.

The grand master reported that he had passed upon the physical qualifications of thirty-seven candidates, rejecting

The report on foreign correspondence was the joint work of the committee, Bro. Max Frost being absent on account of illness. Of Minnesota Bro. W. H. Seamon says:

The proceedings of this grand body come to us in a neatly prefaced volume of some one hundred and twenty-five pages. The address of the grand master is an able and interesting production, and from it we gather that the position of grand master in Minnesota is no sinecure, but one of hard labor, demanding much time and thought for the proper discharge of its duties.

The grand lodge adopted a resolution prohibiting membership of persons engaged in the sale of intoxicants. We believe in the principle, but see no reason for the passage of such resolution. The records show it was adopted unanimously. Such being the case, we are satisfied that without this resolution no person engaged in the sale of liquors could hope to gain admission to a Minnesota lodge. It may not be long before there may be some grand lodge passing a law forbidding free silverites from obtaining admission to masonic lodges. All that is required is a proper majority, and some brother to champion it with sufficient ardor.

From the report on foreign correspondence, under the head of Kentucky, we quote: * * * Bro. Todd condemns this decision in too mild language, we think. It strikes at the foundation of the protection for masonry.

The masons of Minnesota support a masonic veterans' association, and print in the proceedings many interesting matters concerning early masonic history in the northwest.

Bro. Frost should hurry up that national masonic home of his, from which nothing has been heard for several years.

M. W.: J. W. Poe, Roswell, Grand Master; R. W.: A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max Frost, Santa Fe, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1898.

At the September quarterly the board of general purposes reported that representatives had been exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Portugal; that two lodges had surrendered their charters; that ladies ought not to be ad-

mitted to the lodge rooms under any circumstances, a restriction not applying to banquets or social gatherings; and that steps be taken to incorporate the grand lodge. A memorial tablet to cost not exceeding £30 was ordered for the late Bro. R. W. Duff, past grand master, and a resolution of appreciation was voted to be inscribed on vellum and presented to Bro. John Starkey, grand treasurer since the union.

At the December quarterly the board of general purposes reported the receipt of a letter conveying the thanks of the Queen for the joint address of the Australian grand lodges at the celebration of her record reign; that a lodge had surrendered its charter and that the request of the Gran Dieta of Mexico for recognition be not entertained for the present, it appearing that there are two grand bodies claiming jurisdiction in that country.

At the March quarterly the board of general purposes reported that a lodge had surrendered its charter; and that there must be seven masons present to hold and work a lodge.

At the June quarterly the board of general purposes reported that a request from a lodge to meet on Sundays instead of week days had been denied as contrary to masonic usage and the ancient charges; and that two lodges had surrendered their charters.

From the statistical tables it is ascertained that they have one hundred and eighty-eight lodges on the roll, with a membership of six thousand, eight hundred, and forty-seven; loss eighty-six.

A memorial page is inserted in the proceedings for Bro. James Hunt, past grand master.

An interesting report on foreign correspondence was submitted, mainly the work of Bro. J. B. Trivett, chairman of the committee. Minnesota is not included, although the reception of our proceedings is acknowledged by the library committee.

The seventh annual report of their Benevolent Institution is given as an appendix, with portraits of two of their oldest annuitants. The craft of New South Wales is noted

The reports of the home show an average of two hundred and six inmates; current expenses, \$38,838.26; addition to the east wing, new boiler room, barn, and other permanent improvements, \$57,527.22; cost per capita, \$188.53.

The board of relief reported two applicants from Minnesota, one of which was helped to the amount of \$10; the grand officers were reelected by acclamation, the grand treasurer declining the office; a resolution of appreciation was voted to the Gran Dieta of Mexico for their sympathy and sorrow in the hour of our national calamity, but it is extremely doubtful if Gen. Diaz ever hears of it; two oil portraits of past grand masters were presented by subordinate lodges; the committee on charters held that when a charter had been forfeited for good and sufficient reasons, and the lodge has ceased to exist, it cannot be resuscitated under their present law; the three lodges working in the French language were authorized to consolidate under the oldest charter; an appropriation of \$500 was made for a monument to Bro. J. L. Lewis, past grand master; a soldiers' and sailors' fund was authorized, by voluntary subscription; \$5,000 was appropriated for the relief of our brethren in Cuba; the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; several constitutional amendments received more than a two-thirds vote, and will come up again next year; and a telegram of congratulations was forwarded to Bro. A. A. Treat at Denver, one hundred and two years of age, the oldest living permanent member of the grand lodge.

A number of grand masters' addresses delivered during the year, edicts from other jurisdictions with reference to the Grand Lodge of Peru, and other papers are published in the appendices, by order of the grand lodge.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. J. B. Anthony, the translations being made by Bro. Emil Frenkel, who succeeds Bro. Ernest Ringer, deceased. The following paragraphs are found under the head of Minnesota:

The grand master had issued dispensations for two new lodges, and had not been able to comprehend wherein the degrees of ma-

sonry were not worth just as much to a minister as to any other man. Good judgment had been evinced in his refusal to grant dispensations for the usual emergencies and purposes.

The right of any master mason to select his own masonic home should be held good law anywhere; but some grand lodges have sought to restrict it by the enactment of legislation having a bearing upon the action of lodges under their authority.

The grand secretary presented his ninth annual report, and had the satisfaction of announcing that the grand lodge register, containing over thirty-two thousand names, had been completed. Undoubtedly, his method "is the most complete and practical."

We have no desire to be considered hypercritical, but cannot omit saying that while we are in favor of the spirit of the following resolution, it seems hardly just to arrest the charter of a lodge for the misdeeds of a few; those guilty of the practice should be punished. (The cipher legislation.)

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The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association at the sixth annual reunion, held January, 1898, are exceedingly interesting. The addresses and various papers embrace valuable historical and biographical data.

Brother Anthony holds that there are not reasonable grounds for funeralizing the dead; that undue prominence has been given to the anti-masonic congress at Trent; that there is no doubt that the making of a mason at sight has been exercised as an ancient regulation of the craft; that there is no reason why the conferring of degrees should be confined to the master; that there is no necessity for a brass band at a craft lodge funeral; that in opening and closing a lodge the knocks properly begin in the south; that a proper request for the recall of a grand representative's commission should be granted; that the charity of the craft is purely voluntary; that the prerogative of making a mason at sight should be covered with a glass case so that the dust of ages may not entirely obliterate it; and that Minneapolis Lodge No. 19 still has the largest membership, eight hundred and thirty-six.

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NEW ZEALAND, 1898.

The eighth annual communication was held at Christchurch, April 28th, M.: W.: William Barron, Grand Master.

The board of general purposes reported that the terms of recognition from the Grand Lodge of England had been accepted, agreeing to grant no more warrants in its jurisdiction, and permitting existing lodges to tender allegiance to either grand body by a two-thirds vote.

The statistics show one hundred and eight lodges on the roll. Membership four thousand, five hundred, and eighty-nine; gain two hundred and seventy-one.

M.: W.: R. J. Seddon, Grand Master; R.: W.: William Ronaldson, Dunedin, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1898.



The one hundredth and eleventh annual communication was held at Oxford, Jan. 11th, 12th, and 13th, M.: W.: W. E. Moore, Grand Master. One hundred and ninety-one lodges represented; two hundred and eight on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Nine dispensations for new lodges; seven charters restored, and four surrendered. Membership estimated at ten thousand, five hundred, and thirty-nine lodges not reporting. Receipts, \$4,731.02.

The deaths of Bro. Alfred Martin and Bro. E. F. Watson, past grand masters, were announced.

The portraits are of Bro. Martin and a deceased past junior grand warden. There is also a cut of the masonic hall at the orphan asylum, where the session was held.

The reports of the orphan asylum show two hundred and twelve inmates, and cost of maintenance \$16,576.31; it was resolved that a master mason has the right and privilege of applying for membership to any lodge; a handsome gavel was presented by two subordinate lodges; the proposition of Mr. B. N. Duke to contribute \$7,500 towards girls' cot-

tages provided the masons raise an equal amount was accepted, and \$1,605 subscribed at once; a brief address was handed in by Bro. J. H. Mills, grand orator, absent by reason of sickness; the committee on reprint was granted further time; and the Wisconsin relief proposition was not accepted.

Bro. J. A. Collins submitted his second report on foreign correspondence, with a liberal amount of space devoted to Minnesota. Among other things he says:

In the opening of the grand lodge one hundred and ninety-five of the two hundred and two subordinate lodges answered to the roll call. This large attendance is creditable, and would be surprising but for the fact that the disbursement for per diem and mileage amounts to \$2,305.35. In North Carolina the constituent lodges bear this expense.

Judging by the portrait in the frontispiece, Minnesota's grand master has the youth and vigor which will forbid his saying for many years to come that "all is vanity."

An inspection of the excellent reports of the grand secretary and grand treasurer will show the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to be in fine condition numerically and financially.

The annual oration of Bro. L. R. Barto on masonic duties is a well written exposition of his subject, and merits its place in the proceedings.

A goodly portion of this volume is given to the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association in its fifth annual reunion. In the papers read and in oral communications much matter of interest to masons in the northwest will be found.

The report on foreign correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Irving Todd, and is, like that of last year, full without redundancy. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1896 receive ample and kindly notice.

M.: W.: W. E. Moore, Webster, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. C. Drewry, Raleigh, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. J. A. Collins, Enfield, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1898.

The ninth annual communication was held at Fargo, June 21st and 22d, M.: W.: R. M. Carothers, Grand Master.

Forty-four lodges represented; forty-eight on the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges, one of them being from the army. Membership two thousand, eight hundred, and seventy-one; gain one hundred and sixty-nine. Receipts \$5,824.79.

The portraits are of the grand master and grand secretary.

The death of Bro. W. H. Best, past grand master, was announced.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

1. If one or more of the committee reports unfavorably, but the ballot when spread is clear, is the candidate elected or rejected? Elected. The ballot governs always.

4. Would it be a masonic offense for an officer of the law to accept a bribe? Yes. Any mason guilty of a crime under state laws is guilty of a masonic offense.

The grand master reported eighteen special dispensations to confer degrees out of time, caused by the rush to Alaska and the war with Spain; the conclusion of the address stated that he had been elected to that position within six and a half years after receiving the master's degree; telegraphic greetings were exchanged with their military lodge at San Francisco; the salary of the grand secretary was fixed upon a sliding scale, giving him at present about \$900 per annum; the mileage was reduced to five cents one way, with \$2 per diem; the subordinate lodges were required to present a copy of Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogmas* to each master mason hereafter raised; the finance committee was instructed to meet a day in advance of the annual session; the fees for new members made under special dispensation were remitted, with no dues for members in the army; the grand secretary was authorized to buy card trays for the subordinate lodge registers; and the proposition of the Scottish Rite bodies to furnish quarters for the grand secretary and library in their new temple at Fargo was accepted.

M.: W.: G. H. Keyes, Ellendale, Grand Master; R.: W.: F. J. Thompson, Fargo, reelected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1898.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Lunenburg, June 8th and 9th, M.: W.: T. B. Flint, Grand Master. Forty-six lodges represented; sixty-two on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership three thousand, four hundred, and fifty-three; gain forty-four. Receipts \$3,168.75.

Immediately after roll call a procession was formed to attend divine service, with sermon by Bro. George Haslam; in the afternoon a steamboat ride was given up the La Have River.

A considerable portion of the address is devoted to the Grand Lodge of Peru and his edict suspending masonic intercourse, now happily a dead issue.

A novel feature is a report from the immediate past grand master, who seems to have acted as the official head of the craft during the absence of the grand master from the jurisdiction.

The grand secretary reported that the outlook for the masonic home was far from encouraging; a payment of \$1,500 has been made upon the temple debt, leaving the balance due at \$28,660; a resolution of sympathy was voted to Bro. T. A. Crossmann, past grand deputy grand master, in the death of his wife; the committee on revision of the constitution reported progress, and an addition was made to their number; the committee on proposed union of the grand lodges of the maritime provinces reported nothing yet accomplished, and was continued; a committee was appointed to revise their list of grand representatives; no action was taken upon the requests of the Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Orient of Portugal for recognition; a letter of regret for non-attendance was presented from Bro. Richard Avery, their sole surviving permanent grand chaplain, now eighty-three years of age; and the rank of past district deputy grand master was conferred upon three faithful officers.

The report on foreign correspondence was a composite affair, the grand secretary being obliged to fill a gap in the committee. Minnesota fell to the lot of Bro. T. V. B. Bingay, who was pleased to say:

The report on foreign correspondence is compiled by Bro. Irving Todd, and covers very fully the proceedings of fifty-nine grand lodges, Nova Scotia for 1897 being among the number.

The proceedings have as an appendix a report of the sixth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, composed of active members of master masons of at least twenty-one years of masonic age in the state, and is devoted to the preservation of the early history of the craft through the means of historical papers, illustrations of the places of meeting, of some of the early lodges, and portraits of the pioneer leaders of masonry in the state. Some of the papers printed are quite interesting.

M.: W.: T. B. Flint, Yarmouth, Grand Master, and R.: W.: William Ross, Halifax, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. T. V. B. Bingay, Yarmouth, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OHIO, 1898.

The eighty-ninth annual communication was held at Columbus, Oct. 19th and 20th, M.: W.: Nelson Williams, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty-six lodges represented; four hundred and ninety-eight on the roll. Ten past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered and one arrested. Membership forty-two thousand, eight hundred, and forty-eight; gain eleven hundred and thirty-five. Receipts \$27,931.41.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

Among the ten approved decisions were the following:

1. The ancient constitutions provide that an applicant for masonic degrees must be a man. An hermaphrodite, according to the books, is not a man, but a monstrosity, and therefore cannot properly be made a mason.

3. The worshipful master of a subordinate lodge has no power, either express or inherent, to suspend an officer of the lodge from the functions of his office.

4. While freemasonry prides itself upon adhering closely to the old forms and ceremonies, it must, to some extent, keep step with scientific development and the growing conveniences of the age, and, as the lights about the altar are mere representatives of other lights, electric bulbs may be substituted for the burning taper or the gas jet.

6. The fact that a member of a lodge becomes an inmate of the masonic home does not relieve him from the payment of annual dues to his lodge.

9. Only in emergent cases will dispensations be granted to open lodges in the absence of all of the first three officers of the lodge.

The following paragraph from the address will meet with a hearty response from the great body of the craft:

It should be a matter of pardonable pride to the free masons of this state that the man who is dictating the policy and whose hands are guiding the destinies of this nation is a member of one of our subordinate lodges, and is to-day paying loyal obedience to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Greetings were exchanged with the grand lodges of Kentucky and Missouri; an excursion was given to the masonic home at Springfield; a new charter was granted in lieu of the one arrested by the grand master; the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; the committee on jurisprudence held that the disposition of the body after death is a matter of no concern to the lodge performing the funeral ceremony, but should be left with the relatives or friends of the deceased; the invitation to attend the Washington memorial was accepted; two members of the claim-destine grand lodge were restored, one of them being its first so-called grand master; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; and the per capita tax was increased from fifty cents to sixty, and for the home from fifteen cents to thirty.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham prefaces his excellent report on foreign correspondence with a gossipy communication from Bro. W. J. Hughan, of England, commenting upon his review of the previous year. Of Minnesota he writes:

The annual address of the grand master, M.: W.: Bro. J. F. Lawless, is an interesting business paper, in which he reports in detail the faithful discharge of official duties.

R.: W.: Bro. Thomas Montgomery, grand secretary, submitted a well written report of all matters pertaining to his office.

A very interesting oration delivered by the grand orator, R.: W.: Bro. R. C. Hine, is contained in the appendix.

A very readable synopsis of the transactions of fifty-nine grand lodges was submitted by R.: W.: Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, whose abilities, displayed in condensation and abridgement, are always conspicuous features in the proceedings of Minnesota.

Bro. Cunningham holds that the knocks should begin in the east in opening and closing; that all business should be again relegated to the entered apprentice degree; that there is no necessity for any haste in extending formal recognition to the Gran Dieta of Mexico; and that the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in regard to negro masonry will require patience and forbearance upon the part of all other grand lodges in considering the subject, which it is not likely to get from a majority of them.

Our good brother has our profound sympathy in his great affliction, a trial never fully realized until personally experienced.

The reports of the home give the number of inmates at seventy-seven; cost of maintenance, \$15,693.73.

The masonic veterans had their usual pleasant reunion, at which eighteen new members were admitted. Bro. S. S. Williams was elected president for life, and an enjoyable banquet was served.

M.: W.: E. C. Gulliford, Cleveland, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OKLAHOMA, 1898.

The sixth annual communication was held at El Reno, Feb. 8th and 9th, M.: W.: A. W. Fisher, Grand Master.

Twenty-eight lodges represented; thirty-three on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership fourteen hundred and fifty-six; gain one hundred and thirty-seven. Receipts \$1,064.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The following decision was approved:

3. Will the loss of thumb and finger of left hand bar one from taking the degrees of masonry? No.

The edict of the Grand Master of New York with reference to the Grand Lodge of Peru was concurred in by a rising vote, and ordered spread upon the minutes; a brief address was delivered by Bro. D. D. Leach, grand orator; a report on foreign correspondence was ordered for next year, the grand secretary being chairman of the committee; the by-laws were amended so that a brother one year in arrears for dues may be stricken from the rolls, one in arrears at the time of an election may not vote or be eligible to office, and a suspended mason may be restored upon payment of the amount due at date of suspension; the grand secretary was allowed \$50 per month for salary and office rent; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodges.

M.: W.: E. M. Bamford, Guthrie, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Hunt, Stillwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1898.

The forty-eighth annual communication was held at Portland, June 15th, 16th, and 17th, M.: W.: W. H. Hobson, Grand Master. Ninety-three lodges represented; one hundred and one on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered and one arrested. Membership four thousand, nine hundred, and forty-six; gain forty-two. Receipts \$5,428.53.

Jubilee, and to King Oscar II., of Sweden and Norway, upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ascension to the throne and installation as Grand Master of Sweden.

At the December quarterly grand officers were elected; the grand charity fund was reported at \$75,000, the Girard fund at \$63,950, and the Patton fund at \$56,000; the temple debt was reduced \$76,550, leaving it at the end of the year \$335,250; and the completion of the third volume of the reprint was announced by the library committee.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, M.: W.: W. J. Kelly, Grand Master. Seventy-two lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-two on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

One new lodge constituted. Membership fifty-one thousand and thirty-one; gain fourteen hundred and forty-two. Receipts \$122,646.90.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. Peter Williamson, past grand master.

The grand master held that the junior warden can be lawfully elected as senior warden to fill a vacancy; that a man made a mason while abroad on a visit could not be recognized as such in that jurisdiction; that the acceptance of a petition without the fee was unlawful; that an opinion upon physical disqualification would not be given without personal examination; that a member of a lodge in another jurisdiction cannot be passed to the chair; that the secretary of a lodge cannot accept a petition unless the name is legibly written; that the place to try a statutory offense is in the courts and not in a masonic lodge; that an entered apprentice is a member of the lodge in that jurisdiction; and that an oral objection must be made personally in open lodge.

The work of preparing the report on correspondence was divided among the members of the committee, Minnesota falling to the share of Bro. S. K. McCay. Of our prohibition legislation he says:

The spirit of freemasonry is disappearing. Under the foregoing resolutions Abraham Lincoln would have been rejected during the time he held a license to sell liquor in Illinois.

R.: W.: W. J. Kelly, Grand Master, and R.: W.: W. A. Sinn, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. Michael Arnold, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Philadelphia.

QUEBEC, 1898.

The twenty-eighth annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 26th, M.: W.: E. T. D. Chambers, Grand Master. Fifty-two lodges represented; fifty-five on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership three thousand, five hundred, and ninety; gain eighty-four. Receipts \$2,490.25.

Portraits of three past grand masters are given in the proceedings.

The grand master attributes much of the recent growth of the fraternity, especially in Montreal, to the splendid home of masonry in that city.

In reporting the issuance of a dispensation to confer the three degrees in one evening upon a candidate about to leave for China the grand master very forcibly remarks:

It sometimes occurs to me that those who have contrived to live all their past lives amongst us, without indulging any extraordinary desire for a knowledge of our science or any special wish to be serviceable to those who have surrounded them here, can well afford, when about to leave us for pastures new, to wait just a little longer for a knowledge of our mysteries, until at least they are somewhat settled in their new homes and acquainted with their surroundings, and that without the endurance of any great degree of suffering, either in mind, body, or estate, from their inability to be more serviceable to their newly found neighbors than they were to those amongst whom they have hitherto lived.

An edict was issued against a clandestine lodge in Montreal, claiming to have been chartered by the Grand Orient of France.

A discourse was delivered by Bro. Thomas Everett, grand chaplain; the grand master ruled that all master masons

print; a sword was presented for the use of the grand sword bearer by the executor of the late Bro. G. M. Carpenter, past deputy grand master; a jewel and apron was voted to the retiring grand master; and the annual dinner was served at a cafe.

M.: W.: C. M. Van Slyck, Grand Master; R.: W.: Edwin Baker reelected Grand Secretary; both of Providence.

1898.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held at Providence, May 16th, M.: W.: C. M. Van Slyck, Grand Master. Thirty-two lodges represented; thirty-seven on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership five thousand, one hundred, and sixty-four; gain one hundred and forty-six. Receipts \$2,823.65.

The death of Bro. Thomas Vincent, past grand master, was announced.

The grand master decided that for the purpose of celebrating a centennial the lodge might select the date of either its dispensation or of its charter; that no dues accrue against a mason during the period of his suspension from lodge membership; that the use of the stereopticon or robes in conferring of degrees is inconsistent with strict uniformity in the work; and that it was improper for him while holding his present office to represent any other grand lodge near his own.

The new constitution was reported printed and distributed; large donations of books and pamphlets were reported by the library committee, and \$200 was placed at their disposal during the year; the committee on grand officers' reports were granted further time to consider the grand master's address; the committee on reprint reported nothing done, and the appropriation of \$200 was renewed; it was noted that under the new constitution the office of deputy grand master became elective; and the annual dinner was served in the banquet hall.

A festival communication was held on St. John's Day to dedicate the new masonic temple at Providence, with an historical address by Bro. J. M. Addeman.

M.: W.: C. M. Van Slyck, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1897.

The one hundred and twenty-first annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 14th and 15th, M.: W.: J. T. Barron, Grand Master. One hundred and seventy-five lodges represented; one hundred and seventy-nine on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Two charters revived; one surrendered, and one revoked. Membership five thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-three; gain one hundred and twenty-eight. Receipts \$7,340.60.

The following decision was approved:

I ruled that a brother can withdraw his application for affiliation before action is taken by the lodge. The rule being different from an application for initiation.

The grand master reported that he had conferred the master's degree upon a fellow craft at sight, the regular candidate being sick, and he disliked to disappoint the brethren who had turned out in the rain expressly to see the authorized work exemplified.

Four portraits of past grand masters were presented on behalf of subordinate lodges; the grand secretary reported that he had prepared and printed the new code; a copy of Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon, printed in 1807, was presented by a Delaware brother, to whom a resolution of thanks was rendered; the election and installation of officers by a subordinate lodge in the absence of its master and wardens was held to be wholly unconstitutional and void; \$100 was appropriated towards the business men's gala week, provided it be held at the time of the next annual communica-

tion; the code was referred to a special committee, but was accepted as a rule and guide for the coming year; the recommendation of the grand master for a constitutional amendment not requiring physical perfection was not approved; a contingent fund of \$150 was provided for the expenses of the grand master; a gold watch was presented to the junior past grand master; and a steamboat ride and oyster roast was tendered by the local lodges, which was voted an immense success.

M.: W.: J. T. Barron, Columbia, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Charles Inglesby, Charleston, Grand Secretary, were reëlected.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1898.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Sioux Falls, June 14th and 15th, M.: W.: A. W. Coe, Grand Master. Sixty-nine lodges represented; ninety-two on the roll. Ten past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge; two lodges consolidated; one charter surrendered. Membership four thousand, four hundred, and sixty; gain one hundred and fifty-two. Receipts \$3,478.

The death of Bro. F. J. De Witt, their first deputy grand master, was announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. De Witt.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; the governor of the state was received with the grand honors; the committee on quadro-centennial reported progress and was continued; the refusal of the grand master to grant dispensation to an army lodge was approved; concurrent jurisdiction with adjoining states was not recommended; fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Peru was prohibited; a committee was appointed to revise the code; a special vote of thanks was tendered to the grand secretary for his extra labor in completing the register; a resolution of congratulation was extended to Bro. J. Q. A. Braden, past grand master and our representative, for

offering his services to the country as a private soldier; and the grand master, deputy grand master, and grand secretary were elected trustees and instructed to incorporate the grand lodge under state laws.

Bro. William Blatt prepared his usual report on correspondence. He says our grand master seems to have a better opinion of the masonic literary zeal of the craft than most grand masters have or have had; that his decision is correct; that the disclaimer at the handle to Bro. Todd's title is regretfully accepted; that the trial of an entered apprentice should take place in a lodge of entered apprentices, in order that the accused may be present and heard, if he so desires; and that the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association furnish extremely interesting items to all of us in the northwest, and are a most valuable historical adjunct to the craft in Minnesota.

For the thirty-third and last time we would remark that masonic trials with us are held before a committee, at which the accused, his counsel, and his witnesses may be present and heard. There is no distinction between master masons, fellow crafts, or entered apprentices in this particular. They are all regarded as masons, and their masonic rights are equally sacred.

Bro. Blatt will have to get at the memorial pages again; they have gone up to twelve. Why not follow the Minnesota plan, that is if saving of space is any object?

Under the head of Vermont is found the following sensible paragraph:

We must laud the eminent brother in his criticism of the use of the word order for the institution of freemasonry. Bro. Mackey was guilty of this error, and it is the only one we have never forgiven him. We would like Bro. Perkins to denounce in most forcible language the use of another word which is trying to fasten itself upon our vocabulary. It is the word regalia, used instead of masonic clothing. We hate regalia with a triple distilled dislike as compared with order. Both are importations that have been smuggled in.

M.: W.: L. G. Levoy, Webster, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1898.

The eighty-fourth annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 26th, 27th, and 28th, M. W. A. N. Sloan, Grand Master. Three hundred and ninety-eight lodges represented; four hundred and twenty on the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership seventeen thousand, five hundred, and eighty-eight; loss ninety-four. Receipts \$22,485.85.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect.

The grand master reported that the records of his first three months administration were lost by fire, together with a valuable library.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

10. Has a lodge the right to perform the burial ceremony over the remains of a deceased brother who requested that it be not done, although a member of his family makes the request? It has not.

13. Does the fact that charges are pending against a brother for unmasonic conduct relieve him from the payment of lodge dues? It does not.

15. Can a lodge turn out in procession for memorial services in memory of a deceased brother buried some time previous? It can not.

18. Is it necessary for an objection to the advancement of a candidate, made to the master, to be renewed to the succeeding master? It is not. The objection holds good till withdrawn, or till the objector ceases to be a member of the lodge.

The report of the board of control at the home shows ninety-nine inmates and cost of maintenance \$6,254.73; the permanent endowment fund was reported at \$1,312.75; an entertainment was given by the children of the home at a theatre the second afternoon; a resolution of greeting was extended to Bro. A. M. Hughes, their oldest living past grand master; the jurisprudence committee held that a secretary must obey a summons to produce the lodge minutes in court; the grand master's recommendation to print the names of members in the proceedings was not deemed expedient by the committee on ways and means; an extra

appropriation of \$100 was voted Bro. G. H. Morgan for writing the report on correspondence; and forty-two newly elected masters were duly installed in a convocation of past masters.

The report on correspondence was again presented by Bro. G. H. Morgan, whose fraternal allusions to Minnesota are reproduced as follows:

The open, intellectual countenance of Grand Master J. F. Lawless greets us on opening the proceedings of this communication, being an adornment to the first page. Introductory to his address he makes the common sense remarks below, showing him to be a patriot more than a politician.

The grand orator, L. R. Barto, after an elaborate apology, orated eloquently and interestingly, but we have not space for his address.

Tennessee is accorded two pages by Bro. Irving Todd in his report on correspondence, the proceedings of 1896 being synopsised.

Minnesota, as Tennessee, has a Masonic Veterans' Association. Much interesting historical information is compiled and published with the proceedings.

In conclusion Bro. Morgan states that much of the report had been prepared while suffering from rheumatism, in which he has our profound sympathy. Most of our writing for the past dozen years was done under similar discouraging circumstances.

M. W. H. Bumpas, Grand Master; R. W. J. B. Garrett reelected Grand Secretary; both of Nashville; Bro. G. H. Morgan, Cookeville, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1897.

The sixty-second annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, M. W. A. B. Watkins, Grand Master. Four hundred and ninety-six lodges represented; six hundred and twenty on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; eight charters granted direct, and three restored. Membership twenty-eight thousand, four hundred, and eighty-three; gain eight hundred and twenty-one. Receipts \$19,553.80.

The death of Bro. John Sayles, their oldest past grand master and author of Sayles' Masonic Jurisprudence, was announced.

The following illustration of Mexican masonry is taken from the annual address:

Early in January, 1897, I received from the secretary of the Gran Dieta of Mexico, through Past Grand Master J. H. McLeary, a notification that certain lodges in Mexico, eight in number, had become dissatisfied with the decree of the Gran Dieta, in which was ordered the immediate and perpetual expulsion of women from masonry and imposing the obligation of placing the open Bible upon the altar, and had on that account rebelled against said Gran Dieta and were by said body declared clandestine. I thereupon directed the grand secretary to issue notices to the subordinate lodges of the state not to receive as visitors any members of said lodges or to visit or recognize them. Later I was informed by the grand secretary of the Gran Dieta that George Washington Lodge No. 195, of San Luis Potosi, had returned to the allegiance of the Gran Dieta and that its members are in good standing.

Later I received from D. D. G. M. Bro. Pew, of El Paso, an application from Washington Hidalgo Lodge, of Chihuahua, Mexico, one of the lodges so declared irregular, to El Paso Lodge No. 130, for waiver of jurisdiction over an entered apprentice belonging to same. I instructed a peremptory refusal. In the meantime I received from certain parties in Chihuahua, purporting to represent the Grand Lodge Casinos (which I was afterwards informed claimed only two subordinate lodges), protesting against one of its said lodges being declared irregular. I replied, among other things, that it was an universal masonic law that there could be but one sovereign grand lodge in any given territory, and since the Grand Lodge of Texas had so recognized the Gran Dieta, and was exercising fraternal relations with it, that I could not recognize any other.

Among the approved decisions appears the following:

2. Is a young man, twenty years of age, whose disabilities have been regularly removed by judgment of the court, of lawful age masonically? I answered he is not.

The deputy grand master appears to have been very much in evidence during the year, reporting the constitution of three lodges by proxy, arresting the jewel of a master, the rendering of six decisions, and the issuing of dispensations to publicly install officers and to lay a corner stone. One of his rulings, that an applicant for initiation with one leg an inch shorter than the other was not thereby debarred from membership, failed of approval. Texas holds to the perfect youth without reservation.

The expulsion of a mason for denying the authenticity of the Bible was sustained by the committee on grievances and appeals; the committee to adjust the dispute with Holland Lodge over the title to the temple property reported a settlement at \$7,500 and nominal rent in favor of the lodge; the proposed prohibition legislation was referred to a special committee, the grand lodge adopting the adverse report of the minority; the masonic home was located at Ft. Worth, its proposition being two hundred acres of land and \$5,000 in building material and cash; the widows' and orphans' fund was reported at \$124,530.62, most of which is loaned upon mortgage at eight to ten per cent interest; the McLeary ring was turned over to the grand master elect; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Bro. T. M. Matthews presented his usual able and interesting report on fraternal correspondence, with the following paragraphs in his review of Minnesota:

The address, as a whole, is a practical, plain account of his official acts during a very busy year, and proving easily that the author ate no idle bread.

A very sensible, chaste, and readable oration of moderate length upon A Mason's Duty was delivered by R. W. L. R. Barto, grand orator, which is given place in the volume.

The correspondence report is again the work of R. W. Bro. Irving Todd, covers eighty-five pages, and, of course, is a brief, but nevertheless satisfactory, review of the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges. The Texas 1895 volume is, as has always heretofore been the case, very courteously noticed in one and one-half pages. For the kindly and complimentary notice given this writer he tips his "old white wool hat."

M.: W.: J. L. Terrell, Terrell, Grand Master; R.: W.: John Watson, Houston, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1898.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 18th and 19th, M.: W.: A. D. Gash, Grand Master. The nine lodges all represented. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership seven hundred and ninety; gain twenty-seven. Receipts \$1,640.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect. There is also a cartoon from a local newspaper commemorating the gift of their miscellaneous library, about ten thousand volumes, to the city. Here is a pointer for the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Fraternal greetings were conveyed to Bro. E. P. Johnson, past grand master, not present by reason of ill health; all masonic communication was suspended with the Grand Lodge of Peru; the grand master's recommendation for the observance of Decoration Day was not approved; it was held that lodges must pay grand lodge dues for life members; insurance associations claiming to be masonic were declared unmasonic; the usual transfer of the signet ring was made; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodges.

The grand secretary presented his twenty-second annual report on correspondence, prefaced by a cut of the hall of an army lodge held in Utah in 1859-60. It is a very interesting paper. We quote the following:

Among the nine past grand masters present was our tried and true grand representative, M. W. Bro. R. H. Gove.

The grand master's address is a careful presentation of matters of interest to the jurisdiction.

The grand secretary presented in a report of three pages the business transacted by him during the year. He has moved his

office to better adapted rooms in Newspaper Row, which makes him happy, and we rejoice with him.

The report on correspondence by W. Bro. Irving Todd is, as usual with him, a carefully prepared and well digested paper of eighty-seven pages, in which all matters of general interest have pleasant treatment. Utah for 1896 has courteous attention.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association are embellished with the pictures of Bro. C. K. Smith and of Bro. C. P. Scott. * * * Whenever these old masons meet they have a great old time telling reminiscences, and, as a matter of course, a feast closes the meeting. "May their last days be their best days."

Bro. Diehl does not believe in publishing the filthy details of appeal cases or in coercion as a remedy for non-affiliation, neither do we.

Free Masonry in Mexico is the title of an appended article, giving a comprehensive sketch of the situation in our sister republic from the latest data.

M.: W.: J. F. Hardie, Grand Master; R.: W.: Christopher Diehl reelected Grand Secretary; both of Salt Lake City.

VERMONT, 1898.

The one hundred and fifth annual communication was held at Burlington, June 15th and 16th, M.: W.: D. N. Nicholson, Grand Master. Ninety-seven lodges represented; one hundred and two on the roll. Nine past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership nine thousand, eight hundred, and eighty-six; gain one hundred and twenty-eight. Receipts \$6,676.50.

The portrait is that of Bro. Park Davis, past grand master.

The new temple was dedicated the first afternoon with a very elaborate programme. Eloquent addresses were delivered by the grand master, the grand master of Maine, and six past grand masters. The building cost \$87,000, and is a credit to the fraternity of that jurisdiction.

highly creditable to the author. Of Minnesota he fraternally says:

Following the title page is a fine phototype of M. W. Bro. J. F. Lawless, grand master.

There may appear to be nothing very singular about the above quotation, but we have been unable to discover that the lodge of master masons which was opened preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge has been closed.

There is kindly notice of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, an organization of those who have been masons for twenty-one years and upwards, for the "conservation of the masonic spirit among the older members of the craft, and fraternal intercourse among themselves and masonic veterans of other states." The idea is not new, but in this progressive age, when everything, even the masonic brotherhood, must be new goods, latest patterns, up to date, and stamped like a bicycle, 1897, such assemblies of congenial spirits are refreshing. It gives the wallflowers, who have made the histories of their lodges and left them as legacies, an opportunity to distill some of the fragrance of old-time masonry, when there was more of fellowship and less of strictly business.

The annual oration was delivered by Bro. L. R. Barto, grand orator. After tracing the desire of man for companionship and fellowship from creation to the guilds of operative masonry, and later still to speculative masonry with its mute but eloquent language of symbols, its warm heart of brotherhood and its strong hand of helpfulness, his thought takes a personal, interrogatory character, and the hearer or reader is brought to the bar of his own conscience to answer some questions which will reveal himself to himself in the white light of truth.

The correspondence report of R. W. Bro. Todd is embraced in eighty-five pages, but he has had experience and knows how to do it.

We have already referred to the veteran association of this grand jurisdiction, but we cannot pass without mention of the thoughtfulness and consideration of the grand lodge in allotting to this association some fifty pages, containing a report of the fifth annual reunion. * * * The feast, which we are glad to notice is a feature of the reunion, brought out sketches of the lives of the two brethren named, and a number of speeches on the early masonry of Minnesota.

For the information of Bro. Alexander it may be stated that with us the closing of the higher degree also closes all other degrees upon which the lodge may have been opened. It is not necessary to close each one separately.

The reports of the home show forty-two inmates; expenditures \$6,207.73.

M.: W.: R. T. W. Duke, jr., Charlottesville, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. W. Carrington, Richmond, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. F. Drinkard, Richmond, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WASHINGTON, 1898.

The forty-first annual communication was held at Seattle, June 14th, 15th, and 16th, M.: W.: A. W. Frater, Grand Master. Ninety-seven lodges represented; ninety-nine on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two charters surrendered. Membership four thousand, six hundred, and sixty-three; gain fourteen. Receipts \$5,635.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The deaths of Bro. A. A. Plummer, Bro. Elwood Evans, and Bro. Rudolph Guichard, past grand masters, and Bro. Benjamin Harned, grand treasurer for thirty-one years, were announced.

The grand master reported the expenditure of the \$100 appropriation and \$38.40 in addition for the arrest and conviction of one George Fleming, a skilled confidence man; an address was delivered by Bro. T. P. Fisk, grand orator, which was not furnished for publication; the grand master was authorized to appoint a delegation not exceeding seven to attend the Washington memorial services at their own expense; the committee on jurisprudence held that the lodge books may be produced as evidence in a criminal prosecution, when required or permitted by the court; the special committee reported adversely upon the proposition to assume control of the temple at Seattle, upon which there is an indebtedness of \$85,000; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the grand lodges of Oregon and Wisconsin; the grand treasurer was authorized to invest all surplus funds in state warrants; and an appropriation of

our colored brethren its sincere sympathy in every effort to promote the welfare of the craft or inculcate the pure principles of our art.

Resolved, That the grand secretary be instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication from G. S. Bailey and C. A. Rideout, and forward to them a copy of the printed proceedings of this annual communication of the grand lodge, as a response to said communication.

The report is signed by Bros. T. M. Reed, past grand master and grand secretary, W. H. Upton, present grand master, and J. E. Edmiston, past grand master.

While declining to revive a dead and buried issue of long ago, there are several statements of alleged facts which should not be permitted to go out unchallenged. The report says:

A proposal in the (white) Grand Lodge of Ohio—recommended by the grand master and favorably reported by the committee to which it had been referred—to recognize as a lawful body the negro grand lodge, which has existed in that state since 1849, was defeated by a very slender majority.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1876 do not show a direct vote upon the proposition. A point of order was raised that the pending resolution of recognition was virtually an amendment to the constitution, and must be treated as any other amendment. The grand master decided the point not well taken. An appeal from the decision was submitted to vote and the ruling was not sustained, three hundred and twenty-nine to three hundred and eighty-nine, a majority of sixty. The matter was then dropped.

It is known that their work is identical with ours in all essential particulars.

There are things which a mason in good standing has no right to know. This is one of them. If the information was obtained by Bro. Upton through conference with his whilom clients they certainly have a right to complain of an abuse of confidence.

Nor do we think any friction with sister grand lodges is to be expected. A generation ago the situation was very different, but we think that, if this grand lodge should refuse to longer ignore what seem to be plain facts of history and clear principles of masonic law, at the present day its course would be universally applauded outside of the United States, and its right would not be seriously questioned in this country.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington for 1898 do not appear to have been in general circulation until late in November, therefore could not be considered by a large majority of the grand lodges this year. Those heard from at the date of this writing, however, do not justify the prediction of the committee. Kentucky and Arkansas have declared non-intercourse; Maryland views the action with regret and alarm, while earnestly trusting that it will be reconsidered at the next annual communication; and the Grand Master of New York promptly directed their representative near his grand lodge to resign the position.

We do not know nor do we care whether this course is approved abroad or not, but we greatly mistake the temper of the grand lodges of this country if it does not receive the condemnation so justly merited.

Appended to the report of the committee on obituaries is an interesting sketch of Bro. W. P. Dougherty, deceased, the father of masonry on the Pacific Coast, contributed by the grand secretary.

The following extract from the letter of a brother at Lake Bennett, Alaska, is a striking illustration of the universality of masonry:

I spoke to you of attending the death bed of E. A. Ireland, of Utah. Well, Ireland was a mason, and a call was made for masons to attend the body as far as Lake Linderman. About one hundred and seventy-five masons responded; these decided, after the funeral, to call an acquaintance meeting, at which a large number of masons attended. This meeting was addressed by masons who belonged to the following countries: The United States, England, France, Germany, Canada, Austria, Sweden, Norway, New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Philippines, Canaries, Madagascar, Arabia, Morocco, Egypt, Mexico, South America, Palestine, etc.; in fact, there were masons

authorized by the state or national law, and recognized as legitimate and lawful by the community. The grand lodge, from a purely masonic standpoint, has no right to impose conditions upon the admission by lodges of candidates, or members, other than those quite generally accepted as among the landmarks of masonry. All other conditions surrounding or appertaining to the moral or physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees, or for membership, rightfully belong to the lodges to determine.

Under the head of Louisiana Bro. Upton sums up the Grand Lodge of Peru episode as follows:

It is a queer situation. Brother Dam excluded the Bible because it was too sacred to be placed on our altar, and our American grand masters excommunicate him for lack of reverence for that book.

With our later light upon the subject it must be admitted that the prohibition of all masonic intercourse was somewhat premature, to say the least. A formal protest would have answered the purpose equally as well.

Bro. Upton erroneously ascribes the quotation, "that no godless temple can be reared in the name of freemasonry," to Bro. Lawless. It was reproduced from the edict of the Grand Master of New York.

Under the head of England two interesting letters are given from Bro. R. F. Gould and Bro. W. J. Hughan, to whom the review of the previous year had been transmitted. The following paragraph from the latter may furnish a clue as to why African Lodge No. 459 was erased from the roll of the Grand Lodge of England in 1812, which terminated its lawful existence, if it ever had one:

I have yet to learn, according to the laws of the craft, all through last century, and the regulations of the old grand lodges from 1717-1736, that ever a lodge was removed from the roll, unless for disobedience of the Book of Constitutions.

The sympathies of the guild are extended to Bro. Upton in his recent great bereavement, which necessarily ended his labors upon the present report.

M.: W.: W. H. Upton, Seattle, Grand Master; R.: W.: T. M. Reed, Olympia, reëlected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1897.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Charleston, Nov. 9th and 10th, M.: W.: B. D. Gibson, Grand Master. One hundred and five lodges represented; one hundred and ten on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, nine hundred, and eighty-three; gain one hundred and sixteen. Receipts \$4,534.25.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The grand master reported the making of a mason at sight, a duty which the local lodge might have attended to with more propriety.

The committee on orphans' home reported that it was deemed inexpedient to agitate the matter further at this time; the temple in which their sessions were held was dedicated, with an address by Bro. O. S. Long, past grand master, followed by a spread in the dining room; and the Maine proposition received its final rejection.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary as usual, Minnesota not received.

He is of the opinion that district deputies are absolutely essential to the successful conducting of a grand lodge, which depends somewhat on the efficiency of the brethren who are selected to fill these important positions.

Appended to the report is a portrait and biography of Bro. O. S. Long, past grand secretary and past grand master, who died at the close of the year after a brief illness. He was one of the most prominent masons in that jurisdiction, and his death is sincerely mourned by his brethren.

M.: W.: S. N. Myers, Martinsburg, Grand Master: R.: W.: G. W. Atkinson, Charleston, reelected Grand Secretary.

The report closes with short papers on the Wisconsin proposition, the Maine proposition, and Mexican masonry.

M.: W.: J. G. Monahan, Darlington, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. W. Laffin, Milwaukee, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville, committee on correspondence.

WYOMING, 1898.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Casper, Sept. 14th, M.: W.: E. P. Rohrbaugh, Grand Master. Nine lodges represented; fifteen on the roll.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership nine hundred and eighty-five; loss twenty-six. Receipts \$1,130.

A resolution was adopted discountenancing the election of any brother as worshipful master until he is able to confer the three degrees; a resolution of fraternal greeting was sent to the brethren now in the volunteer service; the amount of railroad and stage fare actually expended was voted to one representative from each lodge in attendance next year; greetings were exchanged with the grand lodges of Idaho and Montana; the grand officers were publicly installed; and a banquet was served by the local lodge.

The report on foreign correspondence was the handiwork of the grand secretary as heretofore; brief, but comprehensive. We quote:

An excellent report on correspondence was the work of Bro. Irving Todd. Near approach of our grand lodge meeting forbids the entry herein of several points appearing therein that we desired to review.

Bro. Kuykendall does not approve of our decision of last year, although strictly in accord with the Minnesota law and general practice.

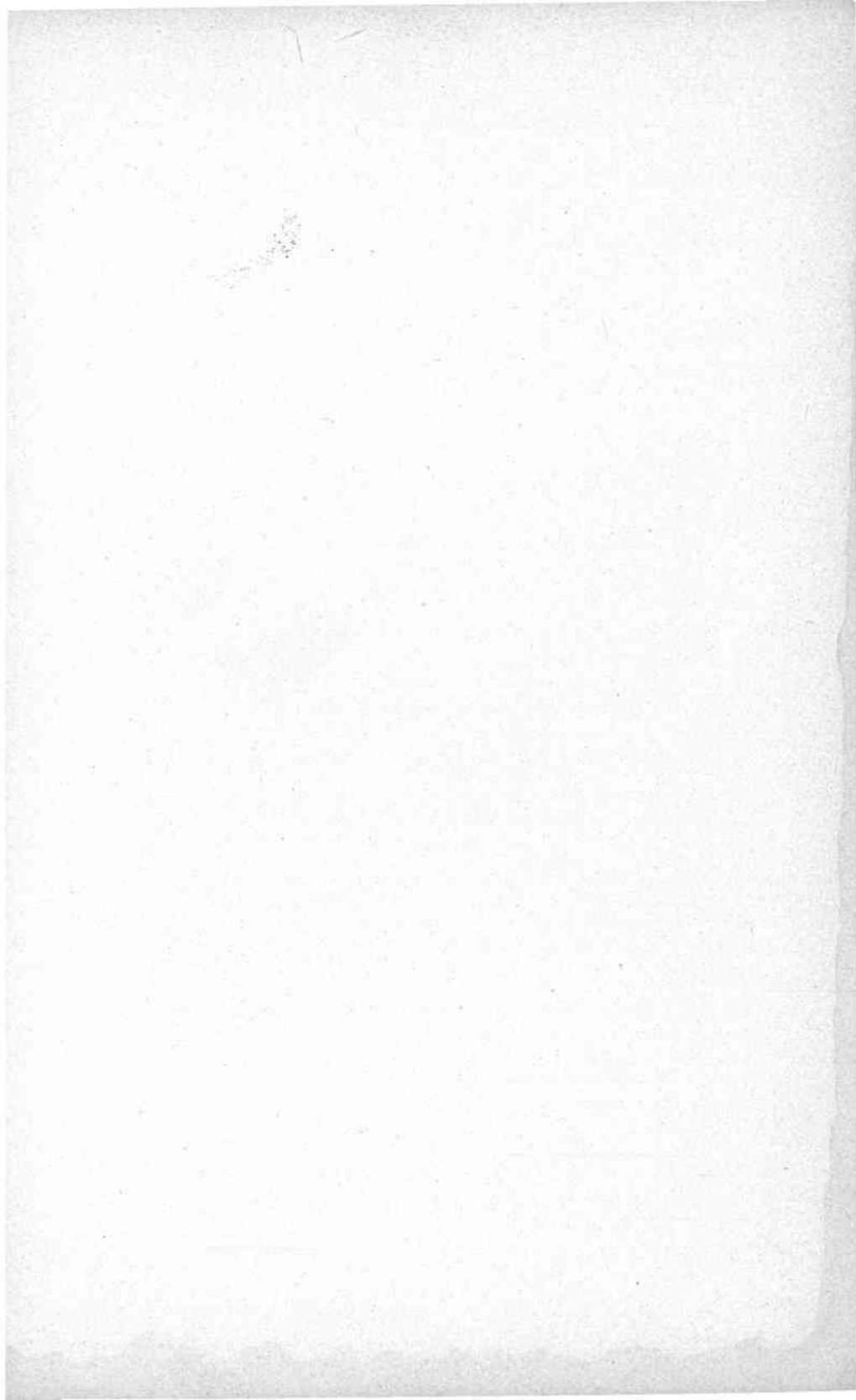
M.: W.: J. M. Rumsey, jr., Rawlins, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, reëlected Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING TODD,

For the Committee.

Hastings, Dec. 27th, 1898.






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PRESIDENT, M.V.A.A.M.,

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PROCEEDINGS
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OF MINNESOTA



AT THE
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SECOND SESSION.

St. Paul, Jan. 11, 1899.

Pursuant to adjournment the second session of the Seventh Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association met in the Blue Room of Masonic Hall, St. Paul, Jan. 11, 1899, at 8 p. m.

Present—Bro. George R. Metcalf, President.

Bro. Joseph H. Thompson, Second Vice President.

Bro. I. B. B. Sprague, Treasurer.

Bro. Giles W. Merrill, Secretary.

Bro. A. P. Swanstrom, Marshal.

Rev. Bro. George H. Davis, Chaplain.

Bro. W. H. Grant, Historian.

And about one hundred of the brethren.

Such minutes of the Association as had not been printed, and the records of the meetings of the Board of Directors held in 1898, on March 22d, April 30th, July 30th, October 1st, December 1st and December 31st, were read and approved.

At these several meetings twelve members had been elected. (See Roster Nos. 271 to 282, inclusive.)

Applications were then received from ten brethren for active membership, and they were duly elected. (See Roster Nos. 289 to 298, inclusive.)

Bro. H. R. Wells announced that our First Vice President, Bro. B. F. Farmer, was ill, and unable to be present.

Similar announcements were made in regard to Bro. D. M. Balwin and Bro. J. C. Terry.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Members of the Association elected since the last Reunion were stationed to the west of the altar, facing the East, and were gracefully welcomed to the ranks of full membership in a brief address, prepared by Bro. Robert Laird McCormick of Haywood, Wis., and which, in his absence, was read by M. W. Bro. Calvin L. Brown of Morris.

VENERABLE SIRs: It is the pleasant privilege of one of your predecessors in this organization to extend a simple welcome to the new members of this unique body, which, unlike other Masonic assemblies, is lacking in the adjuncts of form and ceremony. Its officers are known by the plain titles of every-day life, and it promises the unfolding of nothing unknown, except the nearer approach to the grand mystery of that bourne from which no traveler returns. Restless ambition finds here no charm in membership. Ephemeral social, political, or even Masonic, honors cannot unlock its portals nor can

wealth nor influence secure its comradeship. As an ancient philosopher said, "There is no royal road to learning," so in this assembly of moderns no one participates but those who by perseverance have earned the right; those who, in the first flush of manhood, learned the language of the Royal Art; those who, during the active years when mastery followed effort, continued to worship at its shrine; those, my brothers, who in the rich fruitage of matured experience found comfort at its altar, whether enjoying all of life's temporal blessings or bearing the burdens of best-laid plans "gang aft a'glie."

My brothers, each one here has traveled the same path of mystery for more than a score of manhood's years; all have touched and tested the greatest of all mysteries, the mystery of life and growth. Awakening first to the possession of life, we have also reawakened to the fact that life possessed us; and if, in the refining, we have learned the injunction, "Know thyself," then the field of opportunity is still ours. If we are freed from the trammels that develop liberty into license; if we realize we need not be slaves to monarchy, custom or institution, then the perfect stature of manhood has been attained. At our age, we have probably gathered from the fields of material success all of fame or wealth or honors we will ever secure; but even if the resistless energy of youth lies buried in the grave, there is yet another life of example and influence unfolding before us.

We die that we may live again. We have only put behind us the life of mad pushing and jostling among the crowd that throngs the streets, and now are we ready to walk the flowery paths of calm content.

Your duties and responsibilities have not yet ceased, nor will they cease till this mortal shall have put on immortality. Your lives will be largely of reminiscence and example, building up character in yourselves, and either attracting younger men to, or repelling them from, the institution you represent.

In the particular field offered by this Veteran Association it is expected you will not be content with building up yourself or your lodge, but will also further its objects by furnishing practical historical reminiscences and articles for its records.

Finally, my brothers, whether the joyous exuberance of youth, with its hopes, its expectations and its energy, is a fuller life than the ripened, developed, calm existence of more mature years and experience, I leave for your personal decision; whether your future life will radiate influences for better or worse I must leave for your individual action. Whether you will so rise to your opportunity that, as the curtain rings down, you will dare to honestly ask your heart of hearts, "Have I done well?"

must be derived from the initiation fees of new members. He presented a somewhat extended biographical account of four active and three honorary members, "those ashlar which had been added to the mighty 'Arch of Death' that spans the world; that silent structure whose shadow falls upon the living, soon to follow;" of—

BENJAMIN WITHERILL BRUNSON of St. Paul; an active member; born in Detroit, Mich., May 6, 1823; raised a Master Mason Aug. 4, 1851; died May 14, 1898.

WILLIAM EDWIN BURTON of St. Paul; an active member; born in Gorham, Me., Sept. 29, 1853; raised a Master Mason July 23, 1875; died May 14, 1898.

GEORGE M. LAING of Windom; an active member; born in Dundas, Ontario, Nov. 16, 1850; raised a Master Mason May 11, 1876; died June 17, 1898.

OSCAR L. CUTTER of Anoka; an active member; born in Westbrook, Me., Feb. 5, 1847; raised a Master Mason Sept. 30, 1871; died Sept. 4, 1898.

CHARLES THOMAS STEARNS; an honorary member, and the last survivor of the founders of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; born in Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 9, 1807; raised a Master Mason April 3, 1852; died at New Orleans, La., May 22, 1898.

MANUEL RUIZ INZA; an honorary member, and founder of the Masonic Veteran Association of Cuba; born in Havana, Cuba, Feb. 18, 1830; raised a Master Mason April 5, 1865; died at Casablanca, Havana, Cuba, Aug. 7, 1898.

DEWITT CLINTON CREGIER; an honorary member, and first Venerable Chief of the Illinois Masonic Veteran Association; born in New York City June 1, 1829; raised a Master Mason in 1860; died in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 9, 1898.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

On motion of Bro. George H. Davis of Mankato, the President and Secretary of the English Association were elected to honorary membership. Similar action was taken in the case of Brother Rodriguez, his diploma to be issued and dated Dec. 7, 1899.

OFFICERS FOR 1899.

The following brethren were elected officers of the Association for the ensuing year:

President—Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf of St. Paul.

First Vice President—Bro. Benj. F. Farmer of Spring Valley.

Second Vice President—Bro. Joseph H. Thompson of Minneapolis.

Treasurer—Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague of St. Paul.

Secretary—Bro. Giles W. Merrill of St. Paul.

Marshal—Bro. Andrew P. Swanstrom of St. Paul.
Bro. Geo. H. Davis of Mankato was appointed Chaplain.
Bro. Wm. H. Grant of Sandstone was appointed Historian.

THE ANNUAL FEAST.

Like the rest of the world, Masonic Veterans believe, and at their Annual Reunions act, in accordance with the belief that

"All human history attests
That happiness for man—the hungry sinner!—
Since Eve ate apples, much depends on dinner."

Thereupon one hundred and two of the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where, after the banquet, the way having been smoothed for the enjoyment of the instructive features of the evening by

"Sublime tobacco! which from east to west
Cheers the tar's labours, or the Turkman's rest,
Divine in hookas, glorious in a pipe,"

M.: W.: Bro. Henry R. Wells, Past Grand Master, of Preston, responded to the regularly prescribed toast, "The M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Minnesota."

Mr. President and Venerable Brethren:

The Grand Lodge is one of the landmarks of Minnesota, co-existent with it, organized only four years later than the organization of the territory, and practically by the same personnel, and has paralleled it in its growth and prosperity. No institution or state were ever more fortunate in their inception and organization than these, either in the character, courage, zeal, virtue or fidelity to duty of their pioneers. How well they performed their duty and executed their trust is manifested in what they have accomplished. They gave to the state tone and uniformity in its customs and laws, cementing society, promoting progress and insuring justice. They conserved the school fund, and laid the foundation for what to-day is the most efficient school system in existence. We employ more teachers, pay better wages and graduate more pupils in proportion to our population than any state in the Union. We were the first state to grant an absolute homestead exemption, unrestricted in value, and our asylums for the afflicted are more ample and extended in proportion to our resources, and they are the best administered. These pioneers were Masons, a large proportion of them active and in affiliation. Then, and ever since, as such, they have given their best energies and activities in placing the Grand Lodge on the pinnacle of excellence it now occupies. No other Grand Lodge in the

the plane of our experience, we may indulge in retrospection without pain or sorrow, and lend to our active brotherhood all the advantages that may accrue from such an association. The Grand Lodge displays its own virtue and gives rarest tribute to its worth by tendering to the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota its fraternal greetings.

For the first historical paper of the evening the Association was indebted to Bro. Francisco de P. Rodriguez, Secretary of the Cuban Veteran Association, who chose for his theme:

CUBAN MASONS AND CUBAN VETERANS.*

Venerable American Brothers:

Cuban Masons have suffered terribly; but at last they are free. Their persecution endured for seventy years. When the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Louisiana, in 1804, chartered the first Lodges in Cuba, they little imagined how much trouble was in store for their brethren.

The first Grand Lodge of Cuba was established April 1, 1818. It prospered greatly; it had over sixty-six subordinate Lodges on its roll, and a distinguished membership; but it came to a sudden end.

Spain has always regarded Freemasonry as the pioneer of freedom; and whenever a Lodge has sprung into existence she has always looked upon it as a political club, ready to snatch from her a portion of her colonies.

The establishment of the first Cuban Grand Lodge was coincident with the South American revolutions, culminating in the remarkable battle of Ayacucho, which assured the liberty of all Spanish America.

On Aug. 1, 1824, King Ferdinand VII. issued a decree forbidding the practice of Freemasonry in all Spanish dominions, under the most severe penalties. Through some inexplicable cause, this decree was not enforced in Cuba until Nov. 1, 1828. On that very day Masonic martyrdom commenced. The vials of Spanish wrath were poured out on the heads of Cuban Masons, and, with characteristic Spanish ferocity, the brethren were everywhere persecuted; their Grand Lodge was destroyed, their books and papers burned, and only occasionally could Masons meet and keep alive the traditions of the fraternity. Such was the condition of affairs for over thirty years, and at the end of this time South Carolina again chartered a Lodge in the remote eastern end of the island, in the now famous city of Santiago, the first fruit of victory to fall into the hands of the American army. There Freemasonry gathered together its scat-

*Read by Bro. William H. Grant, Historian of the Association.

tered Cuban fragments. In course of time two other Lodges were constituted, and these three, on Dec. 5, 1859, organized the present Grand Lodge of Cuba.

Masonry, nevertheless, was of slow growth, since it was still proscribed by the government, and all its work was conducted in secrecy. So slow, in fact, was its development that two years passed before the first Lodge was opened at Havana. This was in 1861, and in this year the spirit of a new insurrection was already in the air, and on this account Masons were constantly under suspicion.

Perhaps the Spanish tyrants were right. At any rate, the fraternity pursued the even tenor of its ways, spreading its beneficent influence everywhere, so that at the outbreak of the war in 1868 it found Masonry comparatively strong. The liberal ways of Freemasons were an offense to the Spanish. Without any warning whatever, without even the pretense of a trial, Bro. Andres Puente, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, together with nineteen of the brethren, were summarily shot, at the small village of Cobre, opposite Santiago. With such vigorous cruelty they thought to overthrow the craft; but, happily, the result was quite the reverse. Masonry again started on its career of growth throughout the entire island, and especially in the city of Havana.

At this epoch the government began its persecutions again, with the utmost vigor, but to no avail. On March 5, 1870, the popular St. Andrew's Lodge of Havana was attacked by a Spanish mob, while the brethren were holding a Lodge of Sorrow for their late Grand Master; the Temple was ransacked, fifty-two Masons were arrested, and, escorted by Spanish soldiers through the streets, were carried to the city prison. A trial was ordered for the conviction of these Masons, but a kind Providence had undoubtedly ruled it otherwise.

While lying in jail they conducted themselves in such an exemplary manner that the jailer and physician both asked for initiation, and this was carried into effect within the jail itself. Jesuit priests were sent to these Masons in order to institute a mission and convert them. Only one sermon was preached to them, and at its close the brethren handed the priests a collection, with a request that the chapel might be cleaned of its filth, so that God could be adored in a cleanly place. The money was accepted, the chapel was cleaned, but the priests came no more. Possibly they had understood the rebuke.

The judge that conducted the trial, a Cuban, found them guiltless, and informed the Spanish viceroy he was about to liberate them. This aroused that bloody autocrat's anger, so that he deposed the judge and banished him to Spain; but before his departure one of the Wardens and six members of the Lodge who had escaped capture opened a Lodge in the cabin of the mail steamer and initiated the deposed official, he having previously petitioned for the honor.

the only one that nation has ever had. This was founded at Seville by a Cuban, a former member of the Cuban Grand Lodge, the late Bro. Esteban Miniet, who was the body and soul of the movement. This Grand Lodge still exists. Provincial Grand Lodges were also instituted at Santiago and Porto Rico. Independence to this last was shortly granted, and it became a new Grand Lodge. Three Lodges were likewise chartered at Vera Cruz, Mexico, which Lodges organized the Independent Mexican Grand Lodge, the first body of its kind in that republic, where previously the Supreme Council had been the ruling authority of the Craft. The See of the Supreme Council of Colon was changed from the remote city of Santiago to Havana, the true metropolis of the island.

Finally, the Fraternity, seeing itself consolidated and prosperous, determined and carried into effect the formation of "The Veteran Association of the Island of Cuba," the most popular society of the Craft ever established in the island. It was composed of Masons of recognized ability, and, of course, of long standing. Its literary meetings were largely attended by non-members, and the conviviality and humor that always reigned at its frequent banquets made it the pride of the Cuban brotherhood. Steps had already been taken at Havana for the construction of a Temple for this Association, its library had been founded, and everything was progressing and pointing to a splendid success, when the new War of Independence broke out, the 24th of February, 1895.

Masonry and war are antithetical words. As light and darkness cannot co-exist, so our society, the direct offspring of peace and progress, cannot flourish in the path of an opprobrious war, even when waged for the liberty of a deserving people.

The first blow of the Spanish viceroy, General Calleja, was the outlawing of Masons. The decree for the suspension of all Masonic meetings was issued April 4th of that memorable year. In spite of the order of the Spanish tyrant, Masonry did not disappear. Its meetings were held secretly during the administrations of Generals Calleja and Martinez Campos. Masons remained quietly in obscurity, and supposed nothing worse could happen; but, unfortunately for Masons and for Cuba, the most ferocious of Spanish despots was sent to devastate the land, and, if need be, the entire Cuban people; and with his advent hard times began in earnest. Weyler, the butcher, hated everything Cuban, and Masonry worst of all. He aimed directly to crush the Fraternity. Masons were banished; meeting places were ordered demolished; Masonic mail was confiscated; schools were closed, and even the feasts of the Veterans, which had only a social aspect, had to be discontinued; for the police looked upon them as occasions for the celebrations of insurgent victories. The results of this fierce tyranny were very soon seen. Masons were scattered in every imaginable direction. Neighboring

countries, the States, Mexico, Jamaica, San Domingo, Venezuela, became places of refuge for the voluntarily exiled brethren.

Meanwhile all the Spanish penal colonies in Africa and every prison in sunny Spain were filled with the votaries of the Square and Compasses; Ceuta, Chafarine Islands, Fernando Po, Cervera, Cadiz, everywhere became the enforced residence of Cuban Masons. Many of them went to the field of honor before they were detected, and it is recorded that one Lodge went *en masse* to increase the ranks of the insurgents.

The Grand Lodge considered that the election of a Spanish-born brother to the Grand Mastership would be an advantage to the situation, but the reverse was the result.

The new Grand Master, though an excellent Mason and a good citizen, at the pinch abandoned his brethren. As a traitor? No! but through weakness; since he was at the same time mayor of Havana, and endeavored to reconcile the two positions, and avoid the suspicion of the "Butcher Weyler." The outcome of this was disastrous to Masonry.

The rest is history.

The destruction of a magnificent warship in the harbor of Havana, with the sacrifice of the greater portion of her crew, including a large number of Masons, has been the immediate cause of Cuban liberty. Cubans will never forget the Maine, nor the acts of the illustrious Brother William McKinley. Masonry will soon be re-organized. As soon as the Stars and Stripes shall float over Morro castle the brethren will be again assembled. Lodges, Grand Lodge, Supreme Council, the Veterans, all will rally once more about the Masonic altar. Liberty will be proclaimed, and Masonry, her handmaid, will flourish.

Alas! many of the Craftsmen will never again respond to the sound of the gavel; they are gathered together in the Grand Lodge above. The Lord's will be done! It was their fate to die for their country. They are now immortal. Among the different Masonic organizations of Cuba, no discrimination can be made. All have had their martyrs. If they have not died by the sword, they have perished by hunger.

The Americans have undertaken the glorious task of giving to the beautiful Pearl of the Antilles a model government. Shall not American Masons undertake to assist the Cubans, both by their moral teachings and exuberant means? The example given by Columbia to the whole world is without precedent. The gratitude of a new people will be without limit.

The shades of Washington and Lincoln, shrouded in the victorious flags of Manila and Santiago, will bestow their benediction on their own people, applauded and cheered by thousands of the sisters,

The Lodge had some peculiar practices in those days. For instance, it was in the habit of calling to refreshment until a succeeding evening, or even till one several days later. A ballot was had for each degree, and even a second and third ballot when the first was not sufficient to elect; for we find in the minutes on one occasion that "it was moved and seconded that we take the third ballot on David Branson."

The concoction of by-laws caused serious anxiety and many nights of deep deliberation, and when they were at last completed, and had been contemplated with great pride by the brethren, the Grand Master objected to several points and returned them without his approval; so the Lodge began its labor again, and, profiting by its former errors, produced a code which was adopted on August 17th, and then, having been approved by the Grand Master, the Lodge, to make them doubly strong and binding, adopted them again, and immediately ordered five hundred copies printed. As the Lodge then consisted of only sixteen members, the magnificence of this order shows the sublimity of the faith of our ancient brethren in the future growth of the Lodge and town.

And now, the Lodge being duly constituted, with its charter, its by-laws, and its officers regularly or irregularly installed, it was considered time to provide the equipments necessary in every regular and well governed Lodge. So a committee was appointed, with instructions "to get made two columns, three candlesticks, winding stairs, and a Secretary's desk;" also, a committee of one "to get our aprons washed, and a pair made."

But with all this paraphernalia of columns, candlesticks, winding stairs and clean aprons (one pair of them new), the old log garret began to seem a dingy and uncomfortable place for the ambitious young Lodge. So on Aug. 24, 1857, a special meeting was called to take measures for providing a new Lodgeroom, and it was resolved that in the meantime the Lodge would occupy the "City Hall." This City Hall, in a town that was very far from being a city, was the second story of a frame building, occupied downstairs as a store. It was the only place in the town at that time, except the log schoolhouse, suitable for meetings of any kind.

While the Lodge was occupying this building it received its first visit from the Grand Master, A. T. C. Pierson. On the evening of his visit, however, the hall was in use for a festival of the Presbyterian church and a lecture by Horace Austin, and as the Lodge had no monopoly of the building our brothers were compelled to wait with patience till the festivities should come to an end. But the Presbyterian ladies had found out that the Masons expected to meet there that evening, and were even then waiting anxiously outside, and they concocted a diabolical scheme to keep them out. How it worked we shall see. The cake was eaten, the coffee imbibed, the

lecture delivered, and at a proper and decorous hour the minister, the deacons and old folks went soberly home. And then—

“There was a sound of revelry by night.”

With a determination worthy of a better cause, those ladies, aided and abetted by their male companions, kept up their orgies till a scandalously late hour,—it is said till two in the morning,—in hopes that the Masons would own themselves conquered and go home. Vain hope! No sooner was the last Presbyterian lady with her gallant escort safely out of the hall than the conquering phalanx of Masons marched in, Grand Master at their head, and proceeded to confer the third degree on two candidates. The Lodge was closed just before breakfast time, peace and harmony prevailing.

But while these things were going on in the City Hall (our temporary quarters), the Committee on Permanent Location was not idle. After casting about the town for eligible sites, they began to look with favoring eyes upon the new stone building just being erected by White & Marks. This imposing structure was three stories high, and stood directly opposite the levee, steamboats landing daily before its door. It was a daring enterprise for a Lodge which but a few weeks before was holding its meetings in the old log garret, with dry goods box and implements of iron, to leap, Aladdin-like, into a palace of stone. But, with that same sublime faith in the future with which they had ordered the columns, the candlesticks, the winding stairs, the aprons and the five hundred by-laws, the committee reported favorably, and it was ordered that they make a permanent lease. So, after having the third story plastered and painted, and the proper partitions built, the Lodge, with solemnity befitting so great an occasion, moved its property to the new hall, and took formal possession. Here they remained till the present Masonic Hall was built in 1877.

In the year 1857 the Lodge bought land and laid out a cemetery. What they wanted with a cemetery is not now apparent. They may have been moved by benevolent or mercenary motives, or both; but the fact remains that this cemetery, and the debt which it entailed upon the Lodge, caused in the years to come no end of discord and clashing, growing worse and worse from year to year, bidding fair to become the graveyard of the Lodge itself, until, in the year 1861, the Lodge seriously considered a resolution to give up all its property to its creditors, make an assignment in fact, and surrender the charter. The charter was not surrendered, however. There were seven or more who had not lost their former faith. Neither was the property given up, but the Lodge struggled on until the booming times of 1862 and 1863, following the Indian massacre, put the Lodge on its feet again, for it made money enough initiating soldiers to pay all its debts and refurnish the hall.

tract for a night's lodging. The regalia and furniture of the Lodge were all in the cars, and on the arrival of the train in Mankato they were deposited in the depot.

The next morning the brethren came home on the early train. The Master stayed in St. Paul, and came home a few days later. The question was debated on the road, where the Lodge was at that time, whether with the Master at St. Paul, or with the brethren on the train, or in the depot with the Great Lights, or in the Lodge-room with the Charter. The question was not easily answered, but it was unanimously conceded that the Lodge's jurisdiction was more scattered than it had ever been before. The Lodge remained open, and was not closed till October 2d, thus presenting the somewhat novel spectacle of a Lodge meeting lasting six days.

M. W. Bro. A. Barto, owing to the illness of Bro. William Tuttle Rigby, of Clearwater, read for him his paper on

MASONIC GLEANINGS OF A CLEARWATER VETERAN.

(Clearwater Lodge, No. 28.)

Mr. President and Venerable Brethren:

Clearwater is located on the west bank of the Mississippi river at the mouth of the river from which it takes its name.

The early history of the village and of Masonry are so nearly contemporaneous that the treatment of either necessarily mingles or blends with the other.

The village was first settled in 1855 by Simon Stevens, from Sherbrooke, Canada, who was a brother of Hon. John H. Stevens, an honored member of this Grand Lodge during its earlier years. In that year (1855) Mr. Stevens located and plotted the site of the present village, and procured the establishment of a postoffice early in 1856.

The first Masons who settled in the vicinity were Simpson Chumard and William Vorse, the former from Pittston, Pa., and the latter a native of New York, who was made a Mason in Marengo, Ill., in the first half of the fourth decade of this century.

In the following year, 1856, Robert Shaw and James Abel came from Ohio. In 1857 the writer, born in New York and made a Mason in Lansing, Mich., in July, 1849; W. W. Webster of Sherbrooke, Canada; J. H. Locke and Horace D. Buxton from Maine, and Ed. C. Parmelee, from Vermont, made settlement in or near the village. All of these were able to prove themselves Craftsmen in good standing.

A feeling of fraternity very soon became apparent.

The first deaths of the village were Robert Kirk, in September, and Alvin Wilkins, in November, 1857. As there were no clergymen in the village or settlement, the funerals of each were conducted by

James H. Fowler, an avowed infidel, although he had been a clergyman of some note and a Mason. He had renounced his church and ridiculed it, and Masonry also. In other respects he was a very worthy man and an eloquent speaker. The next to be called to lay aside the labors of life was Horace D. Buxton, one of our number, who died in 1858, in the month of February. Upon his death being known, the brethren with one accord came together, and, after a short conference, agreed that they would give the brother a Masonic burial, provided the widow and friends desired it. Our services were accepted thankfully and gladly; more gladly, perhaps, from the fact that there was as yet no religious organization or teacher in the settlement. We accordingly met on the day of the funeral, in the law office of Hon. W. G. Butler, which he kindly placed at our disposal, and informally opened an emergent Lodge of Master Masons, fully officered and clothed in white aprons and gloves, and buried the remains of our brother in accordance with the customs and rites of Masonry. This is believed to be the first practice of our rites for the burial of the dead north or west of Minneapolis.

In the month of September of the same year (1858) Bro. Joseph H. Locke and the writer made a trip to St. Paul, with an ox team, a wagon and a tent. We camped by the roadside, and partook of our frugal fare by our campfire. To keep within the scope of our exchequer, and yet to accomplish the purposes of our trip, this method of procedure seemed to be the only one within our reach. The country at that time was in the stress of a financial panic. The Rocky Mountain locusts had devoured the little crop planted, and the small hoard we had brought from our Eastern homes had been expended in building a roof over our heads and in the purchase of necessary seed.

The object of our trip was two-fold: to obtain supplies for our families and a dispensation to open and work a Masonic Lodge. We were provided with a proper petition to the M. W. Grand Master, signed by all the Masons above mentioned; also, by Thomas C. Rogers and John M. Mitchell, who came from Maine during the summer.

We returned with the dispensation, issued by M. W. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Master. The next month, October 26th, the Grand Lodge met, and, at our request, made through Monticello Lodge, No. 16, very graciously granted us a charter, bearing the date of Oct. 27, 1858. Our Lodge had at that time been under dispensation but little more than a month, nor had we done any "work." The Lodge was constituted and installed December 20th of the same year, in the assembly room of the principal hotel of the village, by R. W. Samuel E. Adams, acting as proxy for the Grand Master, and assisted by Augustus Merritt, Jeremiah Lemming, G. W. Bertram, James Nelson, A. P. Abbott, J. H. Keene, P. Smith, W. C. Williams and C. B. Jordan, all of Monticello Lodge, No. 16.

nels, in the interests of education, of humanity, of right living and a higher life.

In April, 1873, the Lodge built a hall and store, at a cost of \$1,600. July 5, 1888, the building was burned; most of its contents, however, were saved. We were kindly welcomed to the quarters of the local Post of the Grand Army of the Republic until we could rebuild, which we did before the close of that year. When the matter of rebuilding came up, the conservative element was in favor of a building, ample for our own use, which would leave us free from debt; but the radical element, being slightly in the majority, decided to build two stores and two halls, of brick. It was stipulated, upon the motion of the minority, with a view to conserving our membership, that no assessments should be made, nor the dues raised to more than one dollar per year; and that a certain sum of money should always be in hand to meet the calls for relief.

The buildings were erected at a cost of \$6,400. Our liabilities have been largely reduced, and are held by our own membership, with fair prospects of payment in due time.

The Lodge has just passed its fortieth anniversary, and has had upon its rolls, initiates and affiliates one hundred and twenty-seven—of the former, ninety-six, and of the latter, thirty-one; and fifty-four are now contributing members. Thirteen members have presided as Worshipful Master, one of whom has served thirteen terms, or one-third of the life of the Lodge.

Of the Past Masters, M. G. Smith, Charles H. Gibbs and W. W. Webster have died; E. P. Crossman has moved away, and S. M. Phillips is a non-affiliate. The following Past Masters, Thomas Tolington, T. C. Porter, G. P. Fish, James Colgrove, W. V. Davee, Jos. Whittemore and C. D. Whittemore, are yet with us, active and useful. But two of the charter members are now members of the Lodge, the writer and Robert Shaw. James Abel is in North Star, No. 23, and Ed. C. Parmelee is in Colorado. All the rest have laid down their working tools, and gone to "receive their wages," or have moved away beyond our ken.

An interesting coincidence occurred at our last meeting in the unmeditated election of the only two remaining charter members to the same offices, that of Worshipful Master and Tyler, respectively, that they had held at the time of the organization of the Lodge, forty years previously.

Acknowledgments and regrets were received from our non-resident honorary members and many distinguished Masons to whom invitations had been sent. The proceedings were ordered to be printed and distributed as heretofore.

Receipts from ten petitioners, at \$5 each, \$50.

Adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

GILES W. MERRILL,
Secretary.

ROSTER OF HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAMES AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	MEMBERSHIP IN	
					Lodge.	No. State.
1	Henry R. Wells, P. G. M. (a)	Preston, Minn.	Feb. 21, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Preston	36 Minn.
2	Royal Hatch Cove, P. G. M.	Rochester, Minn.	July 3, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	Rochester	21 Minn.
3	William Lee, P. J. G. W. (b)	Hastings, Minn.	Sept. 6, 1843	Jan. 11, 1893	Mount Moriah	35 Minn.
4	George Henry Davis, P. G. M., Idaho.	Mankato, Minn.	March 2, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Aurora	100 Minn.
5	Henry R. Denny, P. G. M. (a)	St. Paul, Minn.	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 12, 1893	Carver	111 Minn.
6	Philo Patterson Hubbell*	Winona, Minn.	May 1, 1820	Jan. 12, 1893	Winona	18 Minn.
7	John Corson Smith, P. G. M. (c)	Chicago, Ill.	May 21, 1859	March 3, 1893	Miners	273 Ill.
8	Theodore Sutton Parvin, G. Sec., P. G. M. (c)	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	May 1, 1838	March 3, 1893	Iowa	2 Me.
9	Josiah Hayden Drummond, P. G. M. (c)	Portland, Me.	Jan. 15, 1849	March 3, 1893	Waterville	33 Me.
10	John James Bell, P. G. M. (a)	Exeter, N. H.	Dec. 27, 1842	March 3, 1893	Star in the East	59 N. H.
11	George William Speth, P. G. M. (c)	London, Eng.	March 25, 1872	March 3, 1893	Quatuor Coronati	2076 Eng.
12	Francis Asbury Blades (c)	Detroit, Mich.	March 6, 1854	March 3, 1893	Kilwinning	297 Mich.
13	Edwin Allen Sherman (c)	Oakland, Cal.	June 6, 1856	March 3, 1893	Oakland	188 Cal.
14	Charles Griswold, P. G. M. (a)	St. Paul, Minn.	May 15, 1856	Jan. 11, 1894	St. Paul	3 Minn.
15	Jacob A. Klesler, P. G. M.	Blue Earth City, Minn.	May 17, 1873	June 4, 1894	Blue Earth City	57 Minn.
16	Thomas Jefferson Lombard, P. S. G. W. (a)	Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	44 Minn.
17	Daniel Sickels (c)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	May 19, 1848	Jan. 16, 1895	Aurora Grata	7-6 Minn.
18	William Wallace Lee, P. G. M. (c)	Meriden, Conn.	Sept. 5, 1865	Jan. 16, 1895	Meridian	77 Conn.
19	Manuel Ruiz Inza (d)	Havana, Cuba	April 5, 1865	Jan. 16, 1895	Amor Fraternal	5 Cuba.
20	Dewitt Clinton Cregier, P. G. M. (d)	Chicago, Ill.	—, 1863	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271 Ill.
21	George Washington Prescott, P. G. M.	San Francisco, Cal.	Dec. 14, 1854	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271 Ill.
22	Henry Augustus Denny (b)	Hyde Park, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1824	Jan. 15, 1896	Henry S. Baird	211 Wis.
23	Amasa H. Nichols (c)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	June 10, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Morning Star	211 Mass.
24	Theophilus Pratt (c)	New York, N. Y.	April 25, 1851	Jan. 15, 1896	Acanthus	719 N. Y.
25	James Alexander Garver (b)	Dodge Center, Minn.	Sept. 4, 1837	Jan. 13, 1897	Alma	728 N. Y.
26	Charles Thomas Stearns (b)	New Orleans, La.	April 3, 1852	Jan. 12, 1898	Relief	108 Minn.
27	William James Huggan (c)	Torquay, England	July 14, 1863	Jan. 12, 1898	Quatuor Coronati	2076 Eng.
28	Linsay McKee (b)	Rush City, Minn.	Dec. 7, 1848	Jan. 10, 1899	Jasper	164 Minn.
29	Charles Fendelow (c)	Wolverhampton, Eng.	May 24, 1855	Jan. 11, 1899	Mary's Chapel	1 Scot.
30	Ferdinand Fritz Schnitzer (c)	New Castle on Tyne, Eng.	April 25, 1872	Jan. 11, 1899	DeLorraine	541 Eng.

* Deceased May 29, 1893, aged ninety-four.—A Mason for over seventy.

b Over fifty years a Master Mason.

c For eminent services to Masonry.

d Deceased.

a Transferred to list of active members.

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA—Continued.

Certificate Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
82	Ira Martin Swartz.....	St. Paul	Aug. 16, 1867	May 1, 1893	Story	4	Utah.
83	Julius Henry Burwell.....	St. Paul	Mch. 15, 1872	Jan. 1, 1893	Summit.....	163	Minn.
84	Deos Abram Monfort.....	St. Paul	Feb. 3, 1857	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
85	Alexie Guthrie.....	St. Paul	Jan. 29, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	St. Paul	5	Minn.
86	William Parker Jewett.....	St. Paul	Mch. 21, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
87	John Winthrop Eddy.....	Morris.....	Dec. 2, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
88	William F. Mowatt.....	Minneapolis.....	May 31, 1865	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin	4	Minn.
89	George Zeller.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 1, 1870	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin	4	Minn.
90	Aaron Pearson Cameron.....	St. Paul	Aug. 24, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
91	Isaac Phillips Wright.....	St. Paul	—, 1850	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
92	Neville Staughton.....	Winona.....	Feb. 18, 1860	Jan. 9, 1894	Winona.....	18	Minn.
93	Benjamin John Knapp.....	St. Paul	Oct. 4, 1870	Jan. 9, 1894	St. Paul	3	Minn.
94	Joseph Bergfeld.....	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1864	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	3	Minn.
95	Isaac Bower.....	St. Paul	Nov. 11, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
96	George Hunsaker.....	St. Paul	May 18, 1871	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
97	Nathan Kingsley.....	Austin.....	July 16, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Meridian.....	58	Minn.
98	Robert S. Miles.....	Glencoe.....	July 29, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Hope.....	42	Minn.
99	Robert J. Shure.....	Hokah.....	May 15, 1868	Jan. 9, 1894	Hokah.....	47	Minn.
100	John Hutton.....	Windom.....	Jan. 15, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Prairie.....	97	Minn.
101	James Francis Tostevin.....	St. Paul	May 24, 1860	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
102	George Adelbert Blair*.....	Waterville.....	Oct. 2, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Sakata.....	32	Minn.
103	Henry K. Wells*.....	Preston.....	Feb. 21, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Preston.....	36	Minn.
104	Edward Phelps Barnum.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 27, 1857	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the West.....	66	Minn.
105	Edward Warren Collins.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 4, 1861	Jan. 11, 1894	North Star.....	23	Minn.
106	Loren Keyser.....	Mankato.....	Jan. 17, 1863	Jan. 11, 1894	Mankato.....	12	Minn.
107	Clark Keyser.....	St. Paul	May 19, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the East.....	33	Minn.
108	William T. Burdick.....	St. Paul	Mch. 14, 1870	Jan. 11, 1894	Midway.....	185	Minn.
109	Charles C. Goodnow.....	Pipestone.....	Feb. 2, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Quarry.....	145	Minn.
110	Hiram De Esten Brown.....	St. Paul	Nov. 13, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Summit.....	163	Minn.
111	W. Milton Seby.....	La Crescent.....	Dec. 28, 1860	Jan. 11, 1894	Morning Star.....	29	Minn.
112	Robert Bruce Langdon*.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 10, 1860	Feb. 10, 1894	Korun.....	112	Minn.
113	Thomas Minshall.....	La Crescent.....	Jan. 7, 1866	Feb. 10, 1894	Morning Star.....	29	Minn.
114	George Russell Babbitt.....	Osakis.....	June 27, 1866	April 13, 1894	Osakis.....	180	Minn.
115	Charles Frederick Mahler.....	St. Paul	Feb. 10, 1869	April 13, 1894	Summit.....	163	Minn.
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117	George William Seymour	Taylor Falls	Jan. 7, 1863	April 13, 1894	Zion	55	Minn.
118	William Parker Brown	Minneapolis	Dec. 9, 1857	April 13, 1894	Red Wing	58	Minn.
119	Eben Lovering	St. Paul	July 18, 1865	April 13, 1894	Carroll	57	N. H.
120	John H. Sutherland	Detroit	May 4, 1857	June 4, 1894	Mount Tabor	106	Minn.
121	Andrew Peter Swanson	St. Paul	Nov. 6, 1873	Jan. 3, 1895	Ancient Landmark	483	Ohio
122	Watson Eugene Bonfoey	St. Paul	April 16, 1870	Jan. 3, 1895	Walnut Hills	212	Minn.
123	William Cox	Graceville	Jan. 7, 1868	Jan. 3, 1895	Friendship	163	Minn.
124	Joseph Eugene McWilliams	St. Paul	June 13, 1867	Jan. 3, 1895	Summit	53	Minn.
125	Robert Armstrong Smith	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	44	Minn.
126	Isaac Lincoln	St. Paul	Jan. 30, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	5	Minn.
127	Frederick Richter *	St. Paul	Jan. 30, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	133	Minn.
128	John House	Morris	April 28, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Murray Sheaf	380	N. Y.
129	Jonathan D. Sprague	Morris	Dec. 3, 1873	Jan. 15, 1895	Golden	5	Minn.
130	Lathrop E. Reed	St. Paul	April 2, 1857	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	166	Minn.
131	Alexander Donald	St. Paul	March 18, 1868	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
132	Edward Seymour Baldwin	St. Paul	April 1, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	142	Minn.
133	Oscar Fitzallen Bardwell	St. Paul	Feb. 8, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	St. Paul	17	Minn.
134	John Fairfield Stone	White Bear	Jan. 8, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Garnet	101	Minn.
135	Neil Currie	Pine City	Dec. 10, 1864	Jan. 15, 1895	Currie	40	Minn.
136	John Robert Storr	Currie	Oct. 13, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
137	Levi T. Lyon	St. Paul	May 24, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Hokah	101	Minn.
138	Benjamin Franklin Thurber	Hokah	March 16, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	Fraternity	7	Minn.
139	Clarence Adelbert Hubbard	Worthington	Jan. 8, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Carnelian	203	Minn.
140	Living Todd	Lake City	Jan. 13, 1864	Jan. 16, 1895	Dakota	163	Minn.
141	William L. Humason	Hastings	Oct. 1, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Stewartville	153	Minn.
142	Henry M. Tusler	Stewartville	June 29, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Summit	151	Minn.
143	William Harwood Carter	Browns Valley	June 11, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Kodahya	212	Minn.
144	John Sutherland	Chaska	Dec. 29, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Chaska	45	Minn.
145	Thomas Chase Shapleigh	Hallock	Sept. 13, 1873	Jan. 16, 1895	Hallock	83	Minn.
146	Francis Cadwell	Le Sueur	March 9, 1867	Jan. 16, 1895	Union	163	Minn.
147	Jared Gage Wheeler	Kasson	Jan. 9, 1868	Jan. 17, 1895	Hiram Abi	209	Minn.
148	Henry Orme	St. Paul	April 11, 1867	Jan. 26, 1895	Summit	141	Minn.
149	Charles Henry Mix	Crookston	Feb. 12, 1857	Mch. 30, 1895	Ancient Landmark	100	Minn.
150	Alfred S. Dimond	Winthrop	Mch. 29, 1864	Mch. 30, 1895	Sibley	197	Minn.
151	James Henry Thomas	Crookston	Aug. 9, 1873	Mch. 30, 1895	Crookston	8	Minn.
152	James Cotter Hawes	Red Wing	May 21, 1866	Aug. 3, 1895	Red Wing	100	Minn.
153	George Forsyth	Brainerd	Sept. 15, 1864	Oct. 19, 1895	Aurora	197	Minn.
154	John Taylor Frater	Tower	Dec. 15, 1872	Dec. 28, 1895	Vermillion	8	Minn.
155	Elisha Morcom	St. Paul	Dec. 15, 1868	Dec. 28, 1895	Red Wing	36	N. J.
156	Andrew Allen	St. Paul	May 7, 1869	Dec. 28, 1895	St. Paul	100	Minn.
157	William Cole Ashton	Fort Snelling	April 1, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Mansfield	119	Minn.
158	James Madison Johnston Sanno	St. Paul	Mch. 3, 1864	Jan. 14, 1896	Aurora	112	Wis.
159	George Albert Keene	Brainerd	Oct. 26, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Delta	100	Minn.
160	Silas N. Harrington	Marshall	Oct. 26, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Eau Claire	112	Wis.
161	John Dudley Condit	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Eau Claire	112	Wis.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
162	Max Frankel.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 4, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
163	Thomas Jefferson Lombard*.....	Hudson, Wis.....	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.....	44	Minn.
164	John F. Humiston.....	Heron Lake.....	April 22, 1867	Jan. 14, 1896	Columbia.....	210	Minn.
165	Daniel Watson.....	St. Paul.....	—, 1855	Jan. 14, 1895	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
166	David Hanna.....	White Bear Lake.....	Mch. 3, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Garnet.....	166	Minn.
167	William J. Munro.....	Morris.....	Oct. 14, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
168	Jos. Merritt Underwood.....	Lake City.....	Mch. 7, 1871	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.....	40	Minn.
169	John W. Kennedy.....	Lake City.....	Jan. 21, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.....	133	Minn.
170	Samuel R. Van Sant.....	Winona.....	Mch. 29, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Winona.....	18	Minn.
171	William C. Williston.....	Red Wing.....	Sept. 6, 1861	Jan. 14, 1896	Winona.....	18	Minn.
172	Henry Hinkens.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
173	George W. Ballard.....	Dodge Center.....	Nov. 1, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Relief.....	108	Minn.
174	Francis B. Hubbard.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 4, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Hiram Abi.....	81	Mich.
175	August E. Anderson.....	Kasson.....	July 22, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Good Faith.....	83	Minn.
176	Alexander Fiddes.....	Jackson.....	June —, 1865	Jan. 15, 1896	Good Faith.....	90	Minn.
177	James Jenks.....	St. Cloud.....	Feb. 28, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	Clear Water.....	28	Minn.
178	Henry P. Constans.....	Blue Earth City.....	Aug. 3, 1861	Jan. 15, 1896	Blue Earth City.....	57	Minn.
179	Thomas Cox.....	Maple.....	Dec. 5, 1872	Jan. 15, 1896	Munkela.....	165	Minn.
180	William Stratford.....	Chapel.....	Dec. 31, 1868	Jan. 15, 1896	Meridian.....	56	Minn.
181	Hugh E. Grant.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 10, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
182	Augustus Smith.....	Plainview.....	Dec. 28, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Illustrious.....	63	Minn.
183	Walter Birch.....	Fairbault.....	Oct. 21, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Fairbault.....	9	Minn.
184	Peter J. Schwarg.....	Marionville.....	June 3, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Hiram Abi.....	83	Minn.
185	Oscar L. Cutler*.....	Anoka.....	Sept. 30, 1871	Jan. 15, 1896	Anoka.....	30	Minn.
186	Alex. Newell Hayes.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 25, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
187	Robert Forbes.....	Duluth.....	Dec. 10, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Catact.....	2	Minn.
188	John Charles Munro.....	St. Cloud.....	Oct. 27, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	North Star.....	23	Minn.
189	Henry Rockwood Deuny*.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Carver.....	111	Minn.
190	William Lossing.....	Howard Lake.....	Oct. 10, 1872	Jan. 16, 1896	Howard.....	82	Minn.
191	Alonzo James Birmingham.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 23, 1875	Sept. 23, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
192	Bowme Gershon Yates.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 15, 1866	Sept. 23, 1896	Madalia.....	66	Minn.
193	Francis Marion Hester.....	Morris.....	Aug. —, 1866	Sept. 31, 1896	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
194	Owen Thomas Sweet.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 21, 1859	Dec. 31, 1896	Catact.....	2	Minn.
195	Isaac Leggett Hart.....	Pipestone.....	Nov. 2, 1871	Dec. 31, 1896	Quarry.....	148	Minn.

196	James Martin Paine.....	Carlton	Apr. 15, 1864	Dec. 31, 1896	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
197	Thomas Henry Sherry.....	St. Paul	Dec. 17, 1866	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City.....	217	Minn.
198	James William Busby.....	St. Paul	Nov. 20, 1873	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City.....	217	Minn.
199	Frederick William Dohm.....	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1872	Dec. 31, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Neb.
200	Edgar Swartwout Dudley.....	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1868	Jan. 12, 1897	Lincoln.....	19	Minn.
201	George Washington Carpenter.....	Minneapolis	Oct. 17, 1862	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
202	Daniel Douglas.....	Minneapolis	Nov. 23, 1874	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
203	Charles Edward Kent.....	Minneapolis	Aug. 19, 1873	Jan. 12, 1897	Minneapolis.....	4	Minn.
204	Edward Martin.....	Minneapolis	Nov. 19, 1870	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin.....	83	Minn.
205	George Benton Arnold.....	Kasson	Dec. 4, 1866	Jan. 12, 1897	Hennepin.....	100	Minn.
206	Napoleon Bonaparte Chase.....	Brainerd	Sept. 18, 1867	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora.....	100	Minn.
207	Andrew Eliotte Veon.....	Brainerd	Feb. 27, 1867	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora.....	50	Maine
208	John Fairfield Perry.....	Minneapolis	Apr. 27, 1864	Jan. 12, 1897	Aurora.....	133	Minn.
209	Dolphus Goff Linsley.....	Morris	Mar. 19, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Golden Sheaf.....	210	Minn.
210	Chas. Roderick Judson Kellam.....	Heron Lake	June 21, 1865	Jan. 12, 1897	Golden Sheaf.....	5	Minn.
211	John Carl Terry.....	St. Paul	Sept. 28, 1854	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
212	John Franklin Hoyt.....	St. Paul	May 30, 1855	Jan. 12, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	147	Minn.
213	John Park Lester.....	Canby	May 30, 1855	Jan. 12, 1897	Canby.....	108	Minn.
214	Ferry Everett Getman.....	Canby	May 25, 1872	Jan. 13, 1897	Relief.....	12	Minn.
215	Exra Cary Pratt.....	Mankato	Apr. 17, 1872	Jan. 13, 1897	Mankato.....	2	Minn.
216	Hugh McMurtie.....	Minneapolis	Sept. 25, 1869	Jan. 13, 1897	Catact.....	67	Minn.
217	Moses Philpot Hayes.....	Minneapolis	June 30, 1864	Jan. 13, 1897	Corinthian.....	133	Minn.
218	George Hugh Munro.....	Farmington	June 30, 1864	Jan. 13, 1897	Golden Sheaf.....	5	Minn.
219	William Edwin Burton*.....	Morris	July 4, 1875	Jan. 13, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	18	Minn.
220	Rutillus Britt Basford.....	St. Paul	July 22, 1875	Jan. 13, 1897	Fair Haven.....	182	Minn.
221	Phineas Sylvester Rudolph.....	Winona	Jan. 25, 1864	Jan. 13, 1897	Winona.....	168	Minn.
222	Edwin Joseph Hodges.....	Annandale	Apr. 25, 1873	Jan. 13, 1897	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
223	Lauchlin Joseph Hart.....	St. Paul	Dec. 2, 1875	Jan. 14, 1897	Braden.....	39	Minn.
224	Leroy George Basford.....	Austin	July 25, 1864	March 1, 1897	Fidelity.....	185	Minn.
225	Alexander Adams.....	St. Paul	Jan. 14, 1864	March 1, 1897	Midway.....	5	Minn.
226	Wm. Dalton Cornish.....	St. Paul	Jan. 14, 1864	March 1, 1897	Ancient Sheaf.....	133	Minn.
227	Calvin Luther Brown.....	Morris	July 1, 1875	April 1, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
228	Henry Pratt Upham.....	St. Paul	May 38, 1858	April 1, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	103	Minn.
229	Newton McFadden*.....	Brainerd	Oct. 16, 1874	June 1, 1897	Aurora.....	191	Minn.
230	Abram D. Moe.....	South St. Paul	May 4, 1867	June 1, 1897	Mizpah.....	2	Minn.
231	Geo. W. Coburn.....	Minneapolis	May 4, 1867	Nov. 27, 1897	Catact.....	5	Minn.
232	Henry H. Fuller.....	St. Paul	Apr. 17, 1873	Dec. 31, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
233	Charles John Kruger.....	St. Paul	June 27, 1855	Dec. 31, 1897	Hennepin.....	4	Minn.
234	Joseph Ormond Pattee.....	St. Paul	Jan. 24, 1861	Dec. 31, 1897	Ancient Landmark.....	57	Minn.
235	Isaac A. Grant.....	St. Paul	Mch. 18, 1873	Dec. 31, 1897	Blue Earth City.....	171	Minn.
236	Simoon P. Child.....	St. Paul	Sept. 13, 1873	Jan. 11, 1898	Shelkiah.....	168	Minn.
237	William H. Burns.....	St. Paul	Mch. 20, 1868	Jan. 11, 1898	Relief.....	40	Minn.
238	Oliver H. Phillips.....	Dodge Center	July 1, 1871	Jan. 11, 1898	Carnelian.....	65	Wis.
239	Henry Albert Young.....	Lake City	Mch. 28, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	Manitowoc.....		
240	Jacob Flegler.....	St. Paul	Sept. 22, 1875	Jan. 11, 1898			

